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Steel chiefs accused of negligence or cover-up by MPs' report

The management of the British Steel Corporation, in dealing with the collapse of its trading position in last year's steel recession, was either negligent or deliberately concealed the facts, an all-party Commons committee said yesterday. Its members signed a motion calling for Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, to be directed to surrender correspondence

Demand for Mr Varley to release letters

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The storm over a suspected cover-up of the expected £500m loss this year by the British Steel Corporation broke yesterday as a Commons committee hurled lightning bolts at the Government and the corporation's management.

In two reports laced with such phrases as "gravely disturbed", and "extremely concerned", the select committee on nationalized industries found that the corporation's management, in dealing with the collapse of its trading position in the steel recession last spring, were either negligent or deliberately concealed the facts from its sub-committee and, perhaps until the late autumn, from the Department of Industry as well.

Could Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, have been involved in those options, a reporter asked at the committee's news conference yesterday.

"If he had the same information as the British Steel Corporation", Mr Edwin Wainwright, chairman of the sub-committee, said, "then there is the same responsibility."

It is because it cannot decide on the available evidence and because it feels that Parliament cannot properly debate the decisions on the corporation about to be announced by Mr Varley, that the committee has sounded a constitutional challenge in demanding the correspondence exchanged between the corporation and Mr Varley.

Its members signed an early day motion seeking a humble address to her Majesty to direct that Mr Varley forthwith surrender the papers to the full House and a second one consigning such papers to the select committee to assess and protect confidentiality.

That will be the nub of a coming Commons clash although the committee's reports make a series of important recommendations for cutting the corporation's overmanning, for closing obsolete plants, and for cancelling some proposed capital projects.

The first round in this Commons battle is likely to come today when committee members will press Mr Foot, Leader of the House, in business questioning, for time to debate their motion. There was no formal government indication last night, but members were preparing for his refusal, and the second round.

Unless the House gets leave to debate the motion to surrender the papers it will remain so much hot air.

Mr Russell Kerr, chairman, and other Labour members of the two-party committee, made clear to the news conference they were hoping for the pressure of public opinion to force the Government's hand.

"We shall do all we can to force Mr Foot", Mr Wainwright said. It was before his subcommittee that Sir Charles Villiers, BSC chairman, had declined to disclose his negotiating options last November.

For Mr Michael Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, Labour), the "central point" was the very role of select committees; it was no good Sir Charles offering to come back to the committee after decisions had been taken; Parliament needed informing before, not after a fait accompli.

Mr Kerr termed it a "wild misrepresentation" to reflect, as one reporter did, that the committee could be charged with being "the leakiest", and thus not to be trusted.

Mr Michael Marshall, a Conservative, pointed out that nothing leaked to *The Observer* last Sunday had been part of the confidential material supplied to the committee.

Ever since mid-December, when the reports went to the printers, he said, they had been accessible, technically, to all MPs and all ministers. Mr Kerr preferred to point to the committee's 21 years of relations of trust with nationalized industries.

From what is known of Mr Foot's views, he is resolutely opposed to what he regards as select committee meddling, or even usurping of executive authority that could lead only to chaos in industrial relations as well as government.

He is appalled at attempts to emulate the American model of investigating committees, although he may take comfort from the fact that during the Watergate affair no American court ever agreed that Congress (as distinct from courts in criminal cases) could compel the President to supply papers.

Congress did, however, recommend impeachment for a refusal to supply the papers.

Mr Foot will of course have to agree to a debate on Mr Varley's eventual BSC statement. But if he refuses to permit the motion for the papers there are a number of ways round him.

A member winning a ballot for a private member's Bill could surrender his day to such a motion; so could the Opposition one of their supply days. The Speaker might be persuaded, if the demand by MPs were overwhelming, to allow an emergency debate for the adjournment, which would have the same effect.

Our Industrial Correspondent writes: Sir Charles Villiers repeated last night that he was

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All-party protest at undebated clauses

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

The Government came under increasing pressure last night from MPs on both sides of the House to agree to the unusual course of extending or at the very least rearranging the time allocated to the Scotland Bill under the guillotine.

Labour backbenchers joined Conservatives in describing the situation now developing as a scandal and a parliamentary outrage, with key passages in the Bill passing through the House without consideration.

Bitterness at the way this important constitutional matter is being debated in the House has been simmering for several weeks, but yesterday angry MPs held up the start of the eighth day in committee for more than an hour to urge the Government to create time to debate the financial provisions for Scottish devolution.

All the time allocated to this section on Tuesday was devoted to two amendments to clause 42, the first of the 19 clauses dealing with the financial provisions. That meant that there was no direct debate on clause 42 itself and because of the guillotine the other 18 clauses and one schedule were passed without discussion.

Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for West Lothian, described those clauses as "the very guts of the Bill" while Mr Grimond, from the Liberal benches, pleaded with Mr Foot, Leader of the House, to think again. Mr Graham Page, a much respected Tory backbencher, pointed out that the House had failed to debate the whole of the Bill's financial provisions.

It was clear that most MPs were determined the Government should find some way in which Parliament could discuss this important matter. Mr Foot promised that the business committee in control of the timetable would discuss the matter but he thought that only a reallocation of time would be possible.

Mr Francis Pym, opposition spokesman on devolution, said that in view of the magnitude of those undebated clauses at least one more day must be found.

Mr Ioan Evans, Labour MP for Aberdare, said he and many MPs had voted for the guillotine only on the assurance of a full debate. Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, said that what was happening was a scandal.

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A detail of the painting by Graham Sutherland, OM.

Churchill portrait destroyed

The fate of Graham Sutherland's portrait of Sir Winston Churchill finally became known yesterday. Lady Spencer Churchill destroyed it before her husband died.

News about the painting, presented by the Houses of Parliament on Sir Winston's eightieth birthday in 1954, was given by Lady Spencer Churchill's three executors.

Lady Soames, Sir John Colville and Mr Peregrine Spencer-Churchill said they "felt it right to announce" that it had been destroyed.

The Churchills both loathed the work, of which Sir Winston once said "It makes me look half-witted, which I ain't." But Mr Sutherland last night described its destruction as an act of vandalism.

The executors said in a statement: "This was done on her own initiative by Lady Churchill before Sir Winston's death. She neither consulted anyone nor informed anyone of her intention."

"Both she and Sir Winston had been truly and deeply moved that members of both Houses of Parliament and from all parties had joined to show him so much honour, respect and affection.

"But she had been distressed to see how much the picture which both she and Sir Winston disliked, preyed on her husband's mind."

They said that after destroying the portrait Lady Spencer-Churchill told her family that she had promised her husband "that it would never see the light of day".

When Mr Sutherland painted the picture of Churchill in his black coat, striped trousers and bow tie (Sir Winston had wanted to be portrayed in his Garter robes) it brought acid comments from his friends.

Lord Hailsham said at the unveiling in 1954: "It is disgusting, it is ill mannered, it is terrible."

Mr Sutherland, aged 74, said last night: "I am not unduly distressed and I bear no rancour about it. But it is without question an act of vandalism, which is very rare throughout history in relation to the destruction of works of art.

"I knew Sir Winston did not like it, but he was always impeccable, very civilized and very kind, and even after the donation of the thing he was awfully nice.

"I felt that his wife disliked it much more than he did. I am not distressed. I think it is an odd sort of thing to happen, but these things do happen."

The painting was never seen in public, although moves were made to have it displayed.

More than ten years ago MPs considered asking Lady Spencer-Churchill whether the picture could be returned to Parliament as a memorial.

Forecasts by BSC 'wildly inaccurate'

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Top management at the British Steel Corporation is incapable of predicting trends for a few months ahead with even minimal accuracy, the all-party House of Commons Select Committee on Nationalized Industries said yesterday. It called for manpower reductions, closure of old works and pruning of the capital spending programme.

The report severely censured the attitude adopted by the corporation towards the disclosure of information.

The committee stated: "If the evidence is taken at face value, it would appear that the BSC also failed to make the true situation clear to the Department of Industry. All that is certain is that the financial forecasts given to the committee proved to be wildly inaccurate."

The committee, which has spent nearly two years investigating the corporation's affairs, stated that the BSC claimed that its forecasts were largely based on those made by the Treasury. The BSC should have been wise enough to discount the Treasury's "over-enthusiastic indicative forecasts", the committee said.

Estimates made by the BSC in October, 1976, had indicated a profit for the present financial year of about £130m. But the BSC admitted that it had been trading at a loss since November that year and a loss forecast made in July last year was supposedly based on a future demand estimate made in May.

The May estimate was proved to be wrong in the following month and was in turn replaced with a revised estimate made in September last year.

Against the background of the world steel crisis, with severe overcapacity and crisis measures being deployed by every big steel-making nation, the select committee suggested that the panacea for the state steel undertaking's ills must involve a reduction in operating costs by cutting back the 208,000 labour force.

That would involve improving manning standards and closing some older works, particularly those that were reprieved after a review of the BSC's plant closure programme four years ago. The committee also called for a reduction in the corporation's capital spending programme through the cancellation or termination of some of the most hallowed projects in the now highly expensive development programme.

The projects that might be affected by the pruning of capital spending, which has been set in motion, involve the £835m expansion at Port Talbot, although the committee said there was a case for some expansion of strip mill capacity and the plate mill development at Redcar, which is associated with a £1,600m development plan there.

Plans for the establishment of new steelmaking facilities at Ravenscraig and Hunterston in Scotland, and Shelton in the Midlands might also be at risk.

The MPs emphasized that the corporation must concentrate on achieving better output from its existing works rather than spending big sums on new capacity which would boost the existing chronic overcapacity.

Committee members came down strongly against a reconstruction of the corporation's finances, which, they said, would not influence the corporation's operating performance.

However, the committee said it reluctantly recognized that partial financial reconstruction might be inevitable as a result of the deepening financial crisis.

But the committee expressed fears that the result of the round of discussions between the BSC, the steel unions and the Government would be an unsatisfactory compromise that would lead to the true nature of the corporation's crisis being concealed "only to reappear in a more virulent form at a later date".

On the manpower cuts and the need for internationally competitive manning levels at new plants and higher productivity a man, the committee said present circumstances implied the earliest possible phasing out of a substantial number of plants that were reprieved four years ago.

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Hundreds trapped in flooded town centre

Hundreds of people were trapped in their homes in King's Lynn, Norfolk, last night when the Ouse burst its banks and the town centre flooded to a depth of three feet. Boats were used for rescue work in King Street.

About five hundred people fled from their homes in Cleethorpes, Humberside, when heavy seas breached the sea defences and swept into the town at high tide.

An air-sea search was launched last night for five men adrift on a raft in a force-nine gale in the North Sea. RAF and USAF aircraft and a fishery protection vessel joined in the search fifty miles off the Yorkshire coast. The Dutch coaster Holmar had been abandoned by the crew when it began to sink.

Mr Donald Bennett, aged 47, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, died and another man was seriously injured in a crash involving a car and two lorries in driving snow on the A628 road, on the outskirts of Sheffield. In another accident on the same road, near Macclesfield, two people were killed.

An 82 mph gust of wind was recorded at the London Weather Centre, the strongest since records began in 1954.

Seventy vehicles were trapped in snow on the Glasgow to Fort William road, near Glencoe. On the A74, Glasgow to Carlisle road, the police reported a 15-mile queue of traffic in blizzard conditions.

On the north Devon coast, near Ilfracombe, a stretch of road was swept into the sea as heavy rain combined with an exceptionally high tide.

Huge seas struck Colwyn Bay, Clwyd. Streets were flooded at Rhos-on-Sea and sandbags were used to protect shops and homes. At Llanfairfechan, Gwynedd, homes near the seafront were inundated.

Hundreds of acres of farmland were flooded in the Cuckmere Valley and Romney Marsh areas of East Sussex and Kent. The main A259 coastal road at Sandgate, Kent, was closed by flooding from the sea.

London Transport Underground train services were disrupted. There were no westbound trains on a section of the District Line for a time after scaffolding had been blown on to the track at South Kensington station. A fallen tree blocked the Piccadilly Line near its northern terminus.

A tree uprooted by strong winds crashed on to a car at Kilburn, north-west London. Two people were dragged from the vehicle.

In central London roads were sealed off in case scaffolding fell down. In Tooting, south London, a falling tree hit two cars; the driver of one of them was taken to hospital, where his condition was said to be serious.

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Inquiry dismissed as 'witch-hunt'

Gandhi refusal to testify

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi, Jan 11

Mrs Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, today refused to answer questions before the Shah Commission which is inquiring into the excesses of her emergency rule. The commission said it would lodge a formal complaint against her before a Delhi magistrate for non-compliance with its orders.

In a long statement read out from her lawyer's bench and not from the witness box, Mrs Gandhi insisted that she was bound by the oath of secrecy and could not disclose matters relating to her period as Prime Minister.

She contended that it would be well-nigh impossible for future governments to act if their actions were to be investigated in this manner. She claimed that the commission was an exercise in political witch-hunting.

Her lawyer, Mr Frank Anthony, said Mrs Gandhi was thinking of filing a plea in the Supreme Court, but Mr Anthony's junior commented: "We don't have any faith in the courts."

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Pearce Wright
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xperts from Rolls-Royce, ch produces reactors for lear submarines, have taken t in discussions with Mr dgwood Benn, Secretary of te for Energy, on the choice reactor for Britain's power ion requirements over the t thirty years.

be involvement of Rolls-ce could be crucial to the sideration of proposals from Central Electricity Generat- Board to build a pressur- water reactor (PWR) type power station such as has adopted in the United es, France and Germany.

ack of experience with that of reactor in the British trical power industry has used as an argument nst its selection for the ed Kingdom. The fact 16 PWRs have been sup- d to the Royal Navy by s-Royce and its associates gone unnoticed in the de- about the civil programme. e power from a submarine tor is much smaller than a 1,200 megawatt power on, but the principles of design and technology are lar. The commercial nuclear er programme in America v from naval work and was n up by the French and nan industries.

e structure of an industrial ip to produce the PWR ld differ in several respects t that assembled to build present type of advanced cooled reactor, which is ue to the United Kingdom. e transfer of technical rtise from either the ed States or one of the r countries involved in this would be necessary.

Extension of political freedom to more civil servants proposed

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Greater freedom for civil servants to take part in national and local politics is recommended in a report published yesterday.

It suggests the transference of some 173,000 civil servants from the restricted to the intermediate category. Their right to engage in political activity would be judged solely on the merits of each case instead of on grade alone.

The report is presented by the Committee on Political Activities of Civil Servants under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Armitage, Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University.

Mr Callaghan is unlikely to define the government view pending further consultations.

Mr William Kendall, secretary general of the National Staff Side of the Whitley Council, said: "We welcome the extension of civil liberty to a greater number of civil servants."

It is proposed that the number of staff in the restricted category should be reduced from 196,000 (26.3 per cent of the Civil Service) to 23,000 (about 3 per cent).

Staff in the restricted category would remain ineligible for national political activities, but they could, as at present, ask permission to take part in local politics. Civil servants in that category are likely to be in direct contact with ministers.

All those below the grade of principal who are now in the restricted category would join the intermediate category, which would comprise almost two thirds of all civil servants. They would be allowed to take part in national and local activities if they asked permission.

Any decision to give or withhold permission would lie with their departments, but it would be based on special criteria set out by the committee:

1. Staff dealing directly with ministers either in advising them or in submitting policy recommendations or in executing ministerial decisions;
2. Staff, a substantial amount of whose work involves them in (a) intimate knowledge of and direct contact with members of the public in regard to their personal affairs and (b) making, or contributing to making, decisions affecting the personal lives of members of the public;

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TUC calls for £2,000m in tax cuts

The TUC economic committee is to urge the Chancellor of the Exchequer to expand the economy by at least £3,000m through reduced personal taxation, higher pensions and job creation. The unions are seeking a new, lower rate of tax of 25 per cent for the first £1,000 of taxable income, which would benefit more than 21 million taxpayers. This would cost £2,000m in a full year Page 4

Signs of Rhodesia breakthrough

There are signs of an imminent breakthrough in the settlement talks in Salisbury, where it is rumoured that Mr Ian Smith has given ground over white representation in Parliament. The Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, one of the nationalist leaders, was confident of success in the talks and expressed disappointment at Britain's attitude Page 6

Britain to support Olympics threat

Britain has decided to back a threat by the International Amateur Swimming Federation to withdraw the sport from the 1980 Olympic Games unless cuts in the programme are restored Page 11

Fire union action

Several hundred members of the Fire Brigades Union who worked during the strike may face disciplinary action. Mr Richard Foggie, the union's assistant general secretary, acknowledged on the eve of the recalled conference, which is expected to vote for a return to work Page 2

Stronger air defences

The Army is planning to introduce a new anti-aircraft gun for use in combination with missiles, just as the Arabs used the Russian ZSU-23 and Russian SAMs in the 1973 Middle East war Page 2

Four men in a spaceship

With letters, presents and copies of *Pravda* the two new Soviet cosmonauts entered the Salyut space laboratory after successfully docking their Soyuz 27 ferry. They were given a hearty welcome by the two Salyut crew who had docked there a month earlier. Toasts were drunk in fruit juice squeezed from tubes Page 6

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HOME NEWS

Low status of Catholic workers in Ulster emphasized in report

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The most comprehensive and damaging picture yet produced of the inferior status of Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic minority is given in a report published yesterday by the government-sponsored Fair Employment Agency.

Although job discrimination has long been one of the central grievances of the Roman Catholic community, who make up just over a third of the province's population, few hard facts have previously been available.

Based on expert analysis of the 1971 census, the report provides grim evidence of the second-class type of work done by most Catholics and the poor size of their wage packets compared with Protestants. The agency says the conclusions are still valid.

The key finding concerns unemployment, long regarded by local politicians as one of the main causes of violence. The number of unemployed Catholics was two and a half times greater than the total of unemployed Protestants.

According to the report the typical Roman Catholic male in Northern Ireland was unskilled, while the typical Protestant was a skilled manual worker. In general, Catholic men and women were shown to perform lower-status jobs in lower-status industries than their Protestant counterparts.

Roman Catholics were also demonstrated to be underrepresented in the main areas of employment, notably engineering, the public utilities, insurance, banking, finance and business services. In 1971 there was a strong tendency for industries with the highest weekly wage to be predominantly Protestant.

Another section pointed out that although a Roman Catholic middle class did exist its size "seemed to be largely a product of meeting the demands of a segregated society, rather than through performing a more general role, as did the Protestant middle class". Middle-class Catholics, it was later pointed out, tended to be in such jobs as teaching, serving the particular needs of their own religious community.

In the important shipbuilding and marine engineering industries, the total of Catholics was 4.8 per cent while Protestants made up 89.5 per cent (the rest being of unstated religion). In construction, Catholics made up 55 per cent of the manual work force, but held only 18 per cent of managerial jobs.

Last night Mr Robert Cooper, the agency's chairman, said: "There can be disagreements about what the patterns revealed mean or about what caused them. There can be no disagreement, however, that they reveal a serious problem of inequality of opportunity, which must give cause for concern to not only the Fair Employment Agency, but to those on both sides of industry and the Government who have power to influence employment patterns."

Mr Cooper maintained that figures for certain segregated professions, such as teaching, clearly showed that in general the inferior position of Catholics was not due to lack of aspiration. Further research on that aspect is being undertaken.

An industrial and occupational profile of the two sections of the population in Northern Ireland. (Fair Employment Agency, Lindsay House, Callander Street, Belfast 1.

Firemen's strike let nation off lightly but may cost service 1,000 men

By Alan Hamilton

A decision by firemen at their delegate conference at Bridlington today to end their strike, as expected, would bring to an end one of the longest national stoppages in the public sector for many years. It will then be time to calculate the cost of it all; the firemen have surrendered up to £500 a man in lost earnings but, on the whole, the country has been let off lightly.

When 32,000 full-time firemen abandoned their posts on November 14 they began the first national strike in the fire service since Edinburgh pioneered the notion of municipal fire brigades in 1824. It was such a novelty that the Fire Brigades Union, founded in 1918, had no strike fund and no provision in its rule book for such a contingency.

Even in 1926 the firemen received dispensation from the TUC to maintain their essential service during the general strike. This time there was no doubt about the feelings of the men; they voted two to one to come out, against the advice of their union executive.

Troops have been called in before to provide fire cover. By all accounts they performed well during a short unofficial firemen's strike in Glasgow in 1973. A national stoppage was a different matter, but again the troops earned praise, in spite of the serious limitations of outdated and inadequate equipment, and basic skills learnt in four hours at the RAF fire-fighting school at Catterick, Yorkshire.

A total of 18,000 Servicemen were brought in from as far away as Cyprus to provide fire cover. About 13,500 received basic fire training, the rest being in support roles, such as cooks. At any one time there were 10,500 Servicemen on fire duty.

Contrary to some fearful expectations, the cost of the strike in human life was mercifully no greater than in normal times. Up to Tuesday evening 185 people had died in fires since the start of the strike, a small fraction above the normal death rate of about three deaths a day at the best of times.

In the same period Servicemen turned out to 35,250 fires, against the normal rate of 600 fires a day. During the strike two Servicemen died when their "Green Goddess" fire appliances overturned at Newton Heath, Manchester, but there were no other serious injuries to the temporary firemen.

Although the number of fires ran more or less true to form, the total number of calls to the fire service from the public dropped substantially. In normal times the fire service answers nearly two thousand calls of all kinds every day, and spends £350 of public money every time an appliance turns out.

At the London Fire Brigade, the largest of all, there were 7,535 calls from the start of the strike up to Tuesday, against 11,300 for the corresponding period a year ago. Of those, Service firefighters attended 2,043, and the police dealt with a further 1,717, most of them small fires easily extinguished.

Of the remaining calls, most were false alarms, about half of them malicious. In normal times a fifth of all calls are malicious.

London fire chiefs believe that calls have fallen off because the public realize that the fire service has not been available to rescue stranded cats and little boys with their heads entwined in railings. The pre-Christmas appeals in newspapers and on television to exercise extra care also appear to have had the desired effect, and in many cases people have dealt with small fires themselves, often with the help of neighbours.

The cost to life has been small but the cost to property has been great, although the full magnitude will not be known until the end of January, when the British Insurance Association publishes its monthly total of fire damage claims for December.

The November figures give some indication of what is to come. During 1977 fire claims to insurance offices were running at an average of £18.5m, and the figure for October was £19.1m. In November, which was affected by the strike for only two weeks, claims reached £42.7m.

The insurance houses appear to be taking that huge figure with remarkable equanimity, leading to suspicions by some firemen that the true cost is not being revealed. The insurance men retort that they took a single claim of £57m for the Flixborough disaster in 1974 well within their stride.

The largest single insurance claim, for £5m, has been for the fire that put the new £70m Tilbury "B" power station out of action.

Northern Ireland does not appear to have suffered unduly from the strike, but as insurance statistics there are compiled on a different basis the additional cost of damaged property will not be fully known until the end of the year.

The insurance companies will not meet the cost of providing the Services' fire cover during the strike. The Ministry of Defence will present its bill to the Home Office, and it will be large. There is little doubt that the Home Office will seek to recoup most of it from the local authorities.

No one has yet added up what it has cost to station 18,000 troops around the country for nine weeks; each Service unit involved in fire-fighting will be submitting its own bill. But someone will have to pay for the transport of troops to their fire training, and in the case of the Royal Horse Artillery that involved a special flight from Cyprus to RAF Leeming, Yorkshire.

Someone will have to pay for transporting the troops to their fire stations and back again, their field allowances while on duty, any charges on army welfare funds, the fuelling, maintenance and insurance of Green Goddesses, and many other items. The Home Office has spent £70,000 in taking 1,000 Green Goddesses out of storage and filling them with petrol.

To run the fire service during 1977-78 was going to cost an estimated £244m, of which £238m would have been provided by the Government's rate-support grant. But the cost will now be less, and individual fire brigades have been saving substantial sums by not having to pay the wages, travel allowances and national insurance of striking firemen.

A county brigade like Kent is saving £45,000 a week, and the Greater London Council £600,000. Against those savings must be set the greatly increased cost of police overtime for investigating fire calls and guiding Servicemen to unfamiliar destinations. During the strike the Chief Constable of Essex said that extra overtime for his men was costing £6,000 a day.

Local authorities cannot, as a rule, use the money saved from not paying firemen to pay policemen. But in spite of such unusual charges, most local authorities should have saved enough to be able to meet the Ministry of Defence bill comfortably.

And what of the cost to the firemen themselves? They existed on social security and public donations, and it will take them well over a year at their enhanced pay rate to make up the money they have lost. When the strike began, the average weekly earnings of a qualified fireman were £69.80; acceptance of the offer will take that to about £77 immediately, £89 by the end of this year and £102 by the end of 1979.

They have failed in their efforts to win an immediate 30 per cent rise, and they have not, as they had hoped, increased their earnings to that of police constables who now have average earnings of more than £102 a week. When the strike began, the firemen were little better off than the untrained troops who took their place.

Nor can the effect on the fire service as a whole be good. Quite apart from the question of morale, the stoppage has doubled the departure rate from a service that was already 4 per cent undermanned, and a rough guess would be that the service will have lost a thousand skilled, highly trained and courageous men by the time the dust settles.

FBU may discipline 'hundreds'

From Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter
Bridlington

The first steps in disciplining members of the Fire Brigades Union who worked during the two-month strike will probably start as soon as the firemen return to work.

That was made clear yesterday on the eve of today's recalled union conference which is expected to vote by nearly three to one to end the stoppage and to accept the local authorities' pay offer.

Mr Richard Foggie, assistant general secretary, said the union would be much thinner because of resignations from the service and likely disciplinary proceedings against a small minority of full-time firemen. "There will be recommendations from some members in several parts of the country that their union cards should be removed."

Mr Foggie acknowledged that the action might affect several hundred firemen.

The moves, which are initiated by brigade committees, could bring conflict with the local authorities, particularly in such areas as London, Tyne and Wear, West Midlands, and West Yorkshire, where there are closed shops and where the loss of union membership would mean dismissal.

The employers insisted in last week's negotiations on standing by the substance of a clause laying down that both sides should "use their best endeavours" for a smooth return to work without recriminations. But the union has argued all along that it cannot be deprived of its right to discipline members within the terms of its rule book.

It was clear last night that the minority today in favour of prolonging the strike will not command more than 11,000 out of the total voting strength of about 40,000. Officials were still reluctant last night to predict today's exact figure. The union votes on a card basis determined by the financial returns from the membership.

Mr Terence Parry, general secretary, last night predicted "a substantial majority in favour of the executive's recommendation to accept the offer." He added: "There is no suggestion that any brigades will disregard the conference decision."

He repeated that, despite the union's disappointment at not achieving an immediate rise of more than 10 per cent, the underwriting of the future pay formula, which should give firemen average earnings of more than £100 from November, 1979, could not have been achieved without the strike.

'Not wrong for house buyers to seek saving'

From Arthur Osman
Worcester

Mr Michael Hoyle, a senior officer of the Law Society, told Worcester magistrates yesterday that he accepted it was not wrong for house buyers to have their conveyancing work done by non-professionals to make savings.

Mr Hoyle, senior assistant secretary of the society and deputy head of the professional members' department, was asked: "Do you consider it either morally or legally wrong for the Property Transfer Association to offer this service?" He replied: "Legally, it could be; morally, I can only speculate."

Mr Francis Whatsisname (formerly Reynolds) a law lecturer and founder-member of the association and one of its "honorary conveyancers", of Hylton Road, Worcester, has denied six summonses brought privately by the society. He asked Mr Hoyle if he considered it wrong that buyers should seek for and make such considerable savings. Mr Hoyle replied: "It is not wrong for them to so seek".

Mr Whatsisname has denied allegations that he prepared documents for house purchase conveyancing without proper qualifications, contrary to section 22 of the Solicitors Act, 1974.

The defendant asked Mr Hoyle: "Would it be correct to say that the Law Society, quite rightly from their point of view, shelters—and I use the word deliberately—behind the Act?" Mr Hoyle replied: "No, I would not agree with that."

Mr Whatsisname: Is there any cause for a review of the Act by Parliament?

Mr Hoyle: I think statutes can always be improved.

Mr Hoyle said he thought it unlikely that such a recent Act would be reviewed so soon, but recalled that the royal commission sitting now had as part of its remit the supply of legal services to the public, including conveyancing.

He was then asked: "Are you aware of the groundswell of public opinion that has developed, the public reaction and revulsion against the monopoly enjoyed by solicitors?"

Mr Hoyle said he was aware of it, and it was certainly evident in some parts of the media that showed hostility to the profession. He found it anomalous at a time when there was concern about consumer protection that sectional interests should wish such consumer protection to be swept away.

Mr Whatsisname asked if it was accepted that solicitors had to earn about £40 an hour to cover their overheads and make what they would regard as a reasonable margin of profit. The bench ruled that the question was inadmissible.

Asked about evidence that had been given about unqualified assistants in solicitors' offices drawing up conveyancing documents, Mr Hoyle said: "I must emphasize that this was done subject to supervision."

He was then asked if he could find evidence that the Property Transfer Association could be faulted in any way in the handling of the transactions involved in the summonses. He accepted that they had gone through normally.

Mr Whatsisname then asked: "In that case, why have you as the front man for the Law Society singled me out for prosecution?"

Mr Hoyle replied: "I am not the front man, and I did not take the decision. It was taken by the council partly on my advice, partly on the advice of others."

Mr Whatsisname: What were the criteria applied by you, the others, and the council in coming to this decision?

Mr Hoyle: Whether or not there had been a breach of the law. It is for this court to decide whether there has been a breach of the law.

The hearing continues next Wednesday.

Minister makes clear his irritation with Mr Lynch

By Craig Seton

Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, made clear yesterday that he regards as unhelpful remarks by Mr Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister, which suggested that Britain should encourage Irish unity.

Without referring by name to Mr Lynch, who made his controversial remarks in a radio broadcast on Sunday, Mr Mason emphasized that Britain was responsible for Northern Ireland and its affairs.

Speaking before the American Chamber of Commerce in London, he said: "In everything we have done we have sought to establish confidence on the part of the people of *Northern Ireland in our determination* to do everything possible in the economic and security fields to ensure the earliest possible return to normality.

"It is not helpful if others outside the United Kingdom make comments that have the effect of damaging that confidence."

Asked afterwards to comment on the withdrawal of the Official Unionists and Democratic Unionists from talks on possible devolution in Ulster because of Mr Lynch's remarks, Mr Mason said: "They are on-going talks. I do not know if the political parties have taken a different view, but I hope they continue."

The Secretary of State said he was pleased that Mr Lynch had made a "lengthy explanation" of his comments on Tuesday in an attempt to clarify his position.

Mr Lynch described the response to his remarks as surprising and unexpected and stated that what was taken as a hint about a possible amnesty for the Provisional IRA was given in answer to a hypothetical question and could be considered only when violence and hostilities had ceased and were unlikely to break out afterwards.

In his speech Mr Mason renewed his appeal for American investment in Northern Ireland and, emphasizing that the security forces had a "most successful year" in 1977, said great progress had been made in the battle against crime.

Northern Ireland was ready to reappear in the business sections of American newspapers after eight years in the political columns.

Unionists to seek Prime Minister's reassurance

By Our Political Editor

The Prime Minister will be asked, when he returns home at the end of the week, to add his reassurance to Ulster "loyalists" after the uproar over remarks by Mr Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister.

He will also be asked by the Unionists to allow their amendment deleting the proportional representation system of election proposed for Ulster alone for the European Assembly elections.

That was made clear yesterday by Mr James Molyneaux, leader at Westminster of the Official Unionists. They will ask Mr Callaghan, either privately or in public, to say that Mr Lynch is not accurately representing the British Government's view when he says that Mr Callaghan told him "power sharing" would be part of the Ulster devolution attempt.

The reassurance given by Mr Mason, Secretary of State, was well enough received. But the Unionists, as explained by Mr Molyneaux, are clearly suspicious that Mr Lynch is trying to isolate Ulster from the United Kingdom to a point where pressure could be applied for it to agree with unity with the republic, whatever most people in Ulster felt.

Nothing had so upset the Ulster Unionists, Mr Molyneaux said, as Mr Lynch's call for the removal of Britain's guarantee that majority wishes would prevail.

As for power sharing, it was a reflex word, and Mr Molyneaux doubted that it had been used by Mr Callaghan in his "summit" last September with Mr Lynch. The Unionists, Mr Molyneaux said, had no problem in working in a devolved administration side by side with Roman Catholics, "so long as they are unionists". Given the SDLP's support for Mr Lynch's substantive statements, it was difficult for any unionist to play coalition with any party seeking unity with the republic. That effectively left only the Alliance Party as a partner in a future devolved Ulster administration.

Mr Molyneaux specifically denied reports that Mr Harry West and the Unionists in Ulster had, before Mr Lynch spoke, already decided to abandon the talks with officials on interim devolution. Next Friday the officers of the Ulster Unionists council would meet and probably "firm up our position" regarding the request for assurances and restatement of the basic guarantee.

Teachers still at odds on pay claim details

There is still strong disagreement between teachers' unions over the details of the pay claim to be put to the employers next week.

On Tuesday Mr Fred Jarvis, leader of the teachers' panel of the Burnham Committee, the national negotiating body for teachers, and general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, announced that the teachers would be making a claim for a 12.5 per cent pay rise for the 470,000 teachers in England and Wales from April 1, plus some revision of salary scales.

The National Association of Head Teachers, representing 19,000 heads, said that the 12.5 per cent, which had been agreed by the panel, represented an increase on the global salary bill for all teachers and was not a common percentage increase for each teacher.

The details of the claim had not yet been settled by the teachers' panel, the association said. They, together with the Secondary Heads' Association and possibly the career teachers, would be pressing for a restoration of the pay differentials as laid down in the Houghton committee report three years ago.

That would mean larger percentage increases for the more senior teachers and less for the junior teachers. The National Union of Teachers wants a common percentage increase. Salary scale differentials have been progressively eroded during the Government's pay policy because the National Union of Teachers has pressed for, and won, mainly flat-rate increases for all teachers.

The National Association of Head Teachers ruefully admitted yesterday that, however many allies they managed to gain, the National Union of Teachers would always call the tune at the end of the day because it has an overall majority on the Burnham teachers' panel. Many unions would like to see the composition of the committee changed so that no one union has overall control.

Civil servants welcome political liberty plan

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3. Staff representing the Government overseas;
4. Staff working in sensitive areas, for example a minister's private office or security.

An applicant would be able to appeal to an adjudication body if he felt he had been treated unfairly.

The committee states: "With these changes we feel sure that we would have a Civil Service and a Diplomatic Service in which the principle of political impartiality was fully maintained."

Staff would be free to take part in politics within limits related to their work, a code of conduct and a set of rules would be accessible to all; and the service would "continue to enjoy the trust of Parliament, ministers and the public whom it serves", the committee says.

The position of special advisers to ministers would be determined separately by the Prime Minister and the ministers concerned, and should be distinct from the rules for career civil servants.

The committee considered that certain questions were outside its terms of reference. It did not concern itself with security or whether members of extremist parties should be barred from the Civil Service.

It did, however, take note of possible developments in constitutional matters, such as elected assemblies for Scotland and Wales and to the European Parliament.

Our Labour Staff writes: Civil Service unions gave an enthusiastic welcome to the recommendations. Mr Kendall said: "The criteria laid down for considering applications are not too distant from the ones suggested by the national staff side."

He added that the committee's proposals had changed the emphasis on what the staff side suggested. The onus had shifted from the departments to the individual civil servant. There would be need for some scrutiny in the way the departments operated the criteria.

"However, we welcome the proposals regarding appeals machinery, and the suggestion of the extended use of block permission at lower grade levels."

Mr William McCall, general secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, described the report as "a significant extension of freedom for civil servants". He added: "It will protect the reputation of the Civil Service for political impartiality."

Mr Norman Ellis, general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, said it was a useful report "and I do not think we will be too unhappy with it".

Civil Service unions have been seeking further investigation into civil servants' political liberties virtually since the Masterman report in 1949. The national staff side has continually emphasized the need to preserve political impartiality, particularly at more senior levels that involved advising and briefing ministers.

Report of Committee on Political Activities of Civil Servants (Stationery Office, £1.35).

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An artist's impression of the man Scotland Yard is seeking.

Detectives reconstruct killer's move

By Stewart Tendler

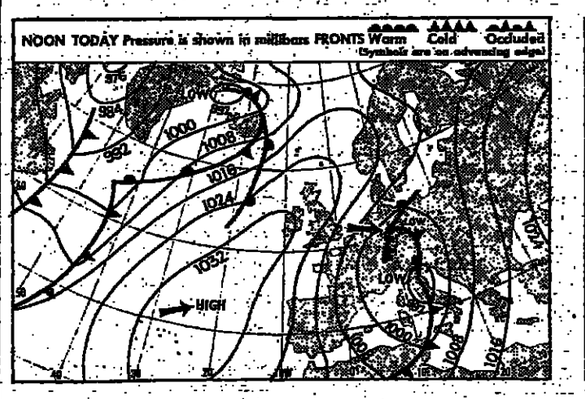
Detectives investigating the murder of Mr Said Hammami, the Palestine Liberation Organization representative in London, yesterday reconstructed the killer's escape in the hope of prompting fresh witnesses to come forward. At the same time Scotland Yard issued an artist's impression of the man it wants in connexion with the killing.

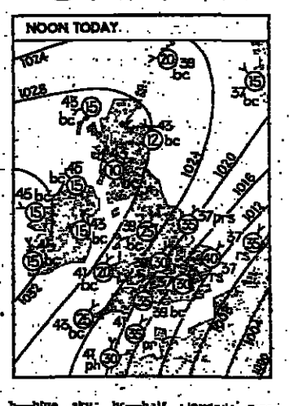
Last week a Photofit system picture was issued a day after the shooting in the PLO's basement offices in Green Street, Mayfair. At that time the man was described as 24 years old, wearing a green overcoat, of Middle East appearance and about 5ft 8in tall.

The new description issued yesterday with the sketch suggests that he was 25 to 27 years old and was wearing a sand-coloured coat. The reconstruction took place at exactly the same time as the events occurred last week.

A man was shown into Mr Hakmami's office. The other occupants of the office heard a noise like a door slamming. The gunman pushed aside the student who had let him in and escaped.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.2 am. Sun sets: 4.16 pm
Moon rises: 9.38 am. Moon sets: 9.3 pm
First quarter: January 16.
Lighting up: 4.46 pm to 7.32 am.
High water: London Bridge, 3.43 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 4.12 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft). Avonmouth, 9.23 am, 14m (46ft); 9.45 pm, 13.5m (44.3ft). Dover, 12.46 am, 7.1m (23.4ft); 1.12 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft); Hull, 8.22 am, 7.5m (24.7ft); 8.29 pm, 7.7m (25.4ft); Liverpool, 1.7 am, 9.5m (31.3ft); 1.27 pm, 9.9m (32.4ft).

The N airstream will give way as a ridge of high pressure moves into Britain from the NW.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, Central S, SW, NW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Rain early, sunny intervals; wind N, strong, moderating; max temp 5°C (41°F).

SE England, East Anglia: Rather cloudy, occasional wintry showers, some heavy, becoming brighter; wind N, strong to severe gale, moderating slowly; max temp, 3°C (37°F).

E, Central N, NE England, Borders: Sunny intervals, occasional wintry showers; wind N, strong to gale, moderating; max temp 2°C (36°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Sunny intervals, wintry showers gradually dying out; wind N, strong, becoming light; max temp 2°C (36°F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind N, fresh, becoming light; max temp 4°C (39°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Wintry showers dying out, becoming cloudy with sleet or snow later; wind N, fresh backing W; max temp 2°C (36°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy with rain later, preceded by sleet or snow; wind NW, moderate, backing SW; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry and cold in the S with overnight frost patches; becoming milder in N, with some rain or drizzle.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sp, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	r	1	34	Budapest	sn	-6	21	Lisbon	r	14	57
Aberporth	s	17	63	Cardiff	c	9	48	Locarno	sn	0	32
Amsterdam	r	5	41	Cologne	r	3	37	London	s	13	55
Athens	s	10	50	Copenhagen	r	3	37	Luxembourg	sl	1	34
Barcelona	c	10	50	Dublin	s	9	48	Madrid	r	8	46
Berlin	r	11	52	Edinburgh	r	1	34	Majorca	r	11	52
Belfast	s	9	48	Geneva	r	1	34	Malaga	s	17	63
Biarritz	c	13	55	Gibraltar	s	18	64	Malta	s	16	61
Bristol	r	8	46	Guernsey	c	6	43	Manchester	r	3	37
Birmingham	sl	3	37	Innsbruck	c	0	32	Monaco	c	13	55
Bristol	r	7	45	Jersey	s	8	46	Moscow	sn	-8	18
Brussels	r	5	41	L Palmas	c	20	68	Munich	r	2	36
								Naples	r	10	50
								Nice	r	9	48
								Oslo	s	-4	16
								Paris	s	5	41
								Reykjavik	c	-3	18
								Rome	c	11	52
								Stockholm	r	1	34
								Tel Aviv	c	17	63
								Venice	c	5	41
								Vienna	r	1	34
								Warsaw	r	0	32
								Zurich	c	0	32

b—blue sky; bc—half cloudy; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; hc—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; sh—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind NE severe gale 9 to storm 10; sea high or very high.

Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE 7 to severe gale 9; sea high.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N gale 8 or severe gale 9 decreasing 6 or 7; sea high becoming rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm, 5°C (41°F); min. 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 96 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.78in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 987.7 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Overseas selling prices

Australia, $0.70; Belgium, Dkr 7; Canada, $0.60; Denmark, Dkr 5.5; Finland, FMk 5.50; France, Frs 5; Germany, Dmk 1.5; Italy, Lire 350; Netherlands, Dfl 1.5; Norway, Kr 5; Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Ptas 50; Sweden, Skr 4.50; Switzerland, Fr 2.50; USA, Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 34.

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Israeli takes the lead in chess contest

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

At the end of the thirteenth round in the Premier tournament at Hastings the lead was held, temporarily at any rate, by the Israeli grandmaster, Dzindzihashvili. Fedorowicz was quite out of his depth in his game against *Dzindzihashvili and resigned on the* twenty-eighth move when faced with the inevitable loss of much material.

The Hungarian grandmaster, Sax, had a lively game with Tarjan, which was adjourned on the forty-second move with Sax having winning chances. If he wins the game he will pass Dzindzihashvili.

Petrosian always seemed to be winning against Nunn, who went wrong as early as the ninth move and never recovered. That brought the former world champion up to third place and he may yet prove a challenger for the first prize.

Scores at the end of round 13: Dzindzihashvili 10, Sax 8½, and 1 adj; Petrosian, Miss Hoffman 8; Tarjan 7 and 1 adj; Westerinen 7 and 1 postponed; Sveshnikov and Goodman 6; Fedorowicz and Nunn 5½; Webb and Shmuter 4 and 1 postponed; Botterill 3½ and 1 postponed; Tisdall 3½; Kagan 3½.

Results of round 13: Dzindzihashvili 1, Fedorowicz 0. English opening: Sax adj against Tarjan. Ruy Lopez: Goodman 0, Short 1. Sicilian def: Petrosian 1, Kagan 0. QP Bronst def: Webb against Westerinen postponed: Kagan 0, Shamkovich 1. Sicilian def: Botterill 0, Tisdall 1. Nimzo-Indian def: Sveshnikov had the bye.

Adjourned games results round 12: Fedorowicz 1, Sax ½; Tarjan ½, Goodman ½; Westerinen ½, Kagan 1.

Move against executive of Labour Party

Moves to end to suspension of the management committee of Newham, North-East, Labour Party, London, began in the High Court yesterday. The committee was suspended last year by the Labour Party National Executive committee after the fight to oust Mr Reg Prentice, the former Cabinet minister, from his seat. The constituency party is being administered by the national executive.

Mr Julian Lewis, an Oxford researcher in politics and a Newham party member, asked Mr Justice Michael Davies to lift the suspension. The hearing, which continues today, is in private.

Skateboarders to face court

Eight teenagers are to face Cardiff Juvenile Court accused of skateboarding offences.

Earlier this month a threat of prosecution against 20 children at Dudley, West Midlands, was dropped after a protest from Mr Greville Janner, MP.

In Kent, the Brands Hatch motor racing circuit is seeking permission to become a skateboarding centre when it is not being used for racing events.

English Delft figure fetches a record £5,100

A figure of a milkmaid, painted in bright blue and dated 1691, achieved an auction record of £5,100 for an English Delft figure, at Phillips's yesterday. It had been estimated to fetch £2,000.

The sale of English and Continental porcelain totalled £49,985, with 2 per cent unsold. Ungarelli, an Italian dealer, paid £3,500 for a polychrome albarello drug jar, eight inches high (estimate £1,000).

A sale of English furniture, works of art, clocks, watches and oriental carpets at Sotheby's Belgravia totalled £31,219, with 5 per cent unsold. An oak sideboard dating from the third quarter of the nineteenth century fetched £2,100, and a good pair of rosewood armchairs from the 1870s, possibly French, [illegible] for £480. A Chinese carpet, about 1930, fetched £580.

Inquiries 'have kept BBC in intolerable suspense'

By Kenneth Gosling

The "orgy of scrutiny" suffered by the BBC since the war was absurd, its chairman, Sir Michael Swann, said yesterday. The amount of time spent in suspense was intolerable, he added.

There had been 20 inquiries in 30 years, yet the BBC, for all its faults, was widely regarded as the world's best broadcasting organization.

Government was right to keep a sharp eye on the broadcasters; but "I do not believe the roots need to be [illegible] for more [illegible] the most, [illegible] time", he said. "Certainly not for nearly all the time."

In his address to the Royal Society of Arts in London, Sir Michael spoke of the threat to the corporation's external services posed by the report of the Central Policy Review Staff, the so-called "think tank".

The think tank regarded the external services merely as a means of reinforcing diplomacy in the short term, and of passing messages to the select few.

"But the pursuit of short-term political ends is simply not compatible with being believed and trusted as a source of truthful and unbiased news and information."

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By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Army is drawing up a requirement for a new anti-aircraft gun like the Russian ZSU-23, which impressed observers during the 1973 Middle East war.

The gun, which the Ministry of Defence would probably like to develop in collaboration with one or more Nato allies, would come into service with the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) in the late 1980s or 1990s.

Ironically, the Army, like the RAF, has just changed from guns to missiles for air defence. Two of three Royal Artillery regiments are already equipped with the all-British Rapier low-level missile, and a vehicle-mounted version, known as tracked Rapier, will be tried out with BAOR next year. A close-range missile, called Blowpipe, is also now in service.

But the Army is now interested in using a gun in combination with those missiles, just as the Areb armies used the ZSU-23 together with their Russian-built SAMs against the Israeli strike aircraft.

The Israeli planes, forced low to escape the SAM-3 and SAM-6 missiles, ran into a lethal barrage of fire from the four-barrel radar-guided guns manned by the Arab artillery.

The Army would probably mount the gun on a tank chassis, as the West Germans have done with the Gepard anti-aircraft vehicle, which is mounted on a Leopard tank chassis. But it would have to be simpler than the Gepard, which is prohibitively expensive for all but the richest countries.

The gun would probably be operated by Royal Artillery gunners attached to armoured battle groups. One difficulty might be that the gunners are already so heavily committed with their present range of equipment that they would have trouble in finding enough men to operate the new weapon.

It is also understood that the Army will announce the development of a new all-British hand-held anti-tank guided weapon (ATGW) later this year.

It will succeed the obsolescent Carl Gustav recoilless gun and the M-72 66mm rocket, which have long needed replacing as close-range ATGWs for the infantry. Officers who have seen the new weapon in trials claim that together with the Army's long-range ATGW Swingfire and the short-range Franco-German Milan it will give BAOR the best selection of anti-tank weapons anywhere in the world.

That is the message that the Army would certainly like to impart after criticism both at home and overseas of BAOR equipment, which senior officers feel is unjustified.

Much of the criticism has been levelled at the Chieftain tank and its L-60 engine. The tank has won a sorry reputation for unreliability because of engine overheating and consequent breakdown, particularly after accelerating from a standing start.

But modifications have been carried out to the engine's cooling system, and after completion this year of the Sundance trials, which hitherto have been highly classified, the "mean miles between failures" (MMBF) rate is expected to rise by more than a third.

The Chieftain could still be accused of being underpowered and it still gives off a lot of smoke. But the Army argues that its power-to-weight ratio is now adequate and that the smoke is only marginally more than that of other tanks and would not be significant in the fog of modern battle.

Defence cuts have had little effect upon BAOR equipment, apart from causing the cancellation of the Vixen armoured car, which did not matter much, and the RS-80 rocket launcher, which was a rather more serious loss. Most of the delay in the introduction of new equipment is attributed to industrial trouble at British factories.

But the Army now feels that the worst is over. With 40 kinds of new equipment coming into service this year and 50 more systems due over the next five years, BAOR should by the 1980s regain its reputation as the best equipped army in Western Europe, at a time when the much praised West German army will be faced with block obsolescence of much of its equipment.

One of the most important advances will come about in the mid-1980s, when the new Anglo-German-Italian self-propelled 155mm gun, the SP-70, enters service. That will not only replace the existing M-109 155mm gun, which is now being fitted with a longer barrel for long-range indirect fire, but will also take the place of the 105mm Abbot.

That reflects a change in infantry tactics. Hitherto the artillery field regiments have had to be content with 105mm guns because more powerful shell bursts directed ahead of the advancing infantry would risk killing one's own men. The operational safety margin for 105mm ammunition is only 150 yards, compared with 400 yards for 155mm shells.

It is envisaged now that the infantry will remain in their armoured personnel carriers (APCs) until they are that much closer to the front line, which will allow the artillery to use the 155mm shells. The greater accuracy of modern artillery fire and the use of the new strong all-British Chobham armour on the APC, which is being developed as a successor to the present FV-432, will also make that possible.

Other new equipment includes:

Reconnaissance vehicles: Scorpion is now in service with armoured reconnaissance regiments in BOAR; Striker, which is fitted with Swingfire ATGW, is now entering service; Scimitar, which has the 30mm Rarden cannon, will be deployed by mid-1978; Spartan, an APC, has started to arrive and Issues should be complete by 1980; Samaritan and Sampson, an armoured ambulance and a recovery vehicle, should be deployed to BAOR next year.

Helicopters: The new Lynx will come into regimental service in July, and the American TOW ATGW, with which it will be armed, will arrive in 1979.

Command and control: Wavell, a computerized communications link for passing battlefield intelligence, will be tried out this spring and, if accepted, will join the 1st British Corps in 1980; Clansman has started to come into service as the new combat radio, and all four armoured divisions should be fitted with it by early 1980.

Logistics: A new 16-tonne truck is now entering service. Ten-ton and four-ton vehicles will be replaced by a new eight-tonne truck from 1982.

Engineering equipment: The combat engineer tractor will start to arrive in BAOR next year. Ranger, a mechanically scattered mine, will be issued this year, and the bar-mine has been fitted with a double impulse fuse to make it less vulnerable.



Miss Susan Bland, aged 22, one of Britain's few woman saddlers, at work at Warthill, near York.

Support for 18-plus shown by survey

By Diana Geddes

Support for the proposed two-tier 18-plus examination to replace GCE A levels is contained in a report by the Schools Council, published today. It suggests that the new examination would result in a broadening of the curriculum for sixth-form students without the need for additional resources.

The report is based on a survey of 19 schools and five colleges of further education. Each was asked to assess the effect of the introduction of the proposed five-subject N (normal) and F (further) pattern of examinations on its staffing and accommodation requirements, and to investigate the implications for the subject choices of sixth-form students.

The Schools Council published the proposals for the new examinations in 1973. Most sixth-form students who now study for three A levels would take three subjects at N level and each subject would be studied for half the time now given to an A level subject. The students would study two subjects at F level, and each of those would be given three quarters of the A level subject time.

The council suggested two ways of organizing teaching for N and F examinations. Under model one N and F level students would be taught together in both years of the course, but F level students would be given extra teaching in the second year. Under model two, N and F students would be taught together for the first year only.

The survey showed that in schools with a sixth form of fewer than about 150 model one would have to be used if schools were not to require additional resources. Larger schools could use either model. No school found that a five-subject sixth-form curriculum required more accommodation.

The choice of subjects made by the students was found to be greatly widened under the N and F pattern. The 1,539 students in the survey who were taking three or more A levels made choices of 343 different combinations of subjects at A level and 902 combinations at N and F level.

The council is now working on its final overall report on the N and F examinations, which it hopes will be published by April. Free copies will be sent to 12,000 organizations, including secondary schools, local authorities, examining boards, universities and colleges, teaching organizations, big industrial companies and the Government.

The council would like comments by March 31, next year, in time to decide whether to make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Education and Science in the autumn.

Mr Rupert Booth, head officer of the Schools Council's central examinations research and development unit, said yesterday that 1982 would be the earliest possible date at which teaching for the new examinations could begin, with the first examinations being set in 1984.

Examinations at 18+. Resource implications of an N and F Curriculum and examination structure. (Schools Council Examinations Bulletin 38. Evans/Methuen Educational. £5.55.)

raise for reliability of Japanese TV and cars

Imports from Japan are urmly commended by the Conmers' Association in the nuary issues of *Which?* and *otoring Which?*, published toy.

A *Which?* report concludes: f you want a reliable televis- set, our evidence suggests at you should go for a panese brand."

The report says Japanese ts are "much the most re- ble", although they usually st more than British sets. A rvey among 2,000 members vealed that only a tenth of e Japanese colour sets they ned had required repairs in e past year. More than half e British sets had broken wn.

In a second report, on 22-inch d 20-inch colour sets, four the five brands recommend as good value were Japan- e: Hitachi, Sanyo, Toshiba d Sony.

Japanese makes show to vantage in a report on car iability in *Motoring Which?* he magazine analysed 20,000 questionnaires completed by members owning cars up to nine years old. Of the five foreign makes that were found to combine good reliability with low overall cost of servicing and repair, three—Datsun, Tovota and Mazda—were Japanese. The other were VW and Renault.

In a third report *Motoring Which?* finds fault with Japanese manufacturers. It concerns comparative advertising for cars and criticizes an advertisement in which Mazda compared its Hatchback 1300DL with four rivals.

The magazine points out that the advertisement showed that the Hatchback used two-star petrol, while most of its rivals required four-star, but omitted fuel consumption figures given in *Motor* magazine, the source for the information quoted in the advertisement. When those figures were examined, it proved that the Mazda's petrol bill would be higher than all the others, despite the use of cheaper petrol.

peaker rules otion on dge in order

he controversy over the nments made by Judge Kinnon, QC, when he cleared an of a racial incitement ge last week reached the mons yesterday with a and from Mr Ridley encester and Tewkesbury, hat the Speaker should rule of order a motion on the r paper calling on the Lord ncellor to remove the judge office.

r Thomas, the Speaker, d that the motion was rly entirely within order". r Ridley argued that the on was criticism of the ation of the judiciary and of the conduct of a judge related to one specific ment.

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Call for review of religious training courses

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is urged today to mount a new national review of the training of religious education teachers. The recommendation is in a new report by the Religious Education Council of England and Wales.

The report estimated that as a result of the Government's policy of mergers and closures of teacher training colleges, there was probably a 26 per cent decrease last autumn in the number of students taking religious studies courses.

The report, based on a survey, says that in some areas provision for religious education had been halved, and in some cases "rationalization" had been thoughtless.

resh clash with National ront feared in Tameside

John Chartres
hester

other clash between the nal Front and socialist izations in the streets of the market and industrial within the borough of side, is feared at the end is month.

Colin Barnett, secretary of orth-west regional council e TUC and of the north-Committee against Racism, yesterday that he expects people to respond to his for a peaceful counter-nstration against a nal Front indoor meeting de Town Hall on January

ialist supporters who e the attitudes of the nal Front have been asked ther in Hyde town centre from 6 pm onwards on that date.

Permission for the National Front meeting has been given by Mr Colin Grantham, Conservative leader of Tameside Borough Council. Hyde Town Hall was the venue of the proposed National Front rally last October, which resulted in six thousand police officers being mobilized at a cost of £140,000.

Mr Barnett said he had written to Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, asking him to invoke the Public Order Act to stop the January meeting, but had received no reply or acknowledgement. He also said that Tameside Policy and Resources Committee had refused to receive a deputation from the north-west council of the TUC at its meeting today.

ate agents sue rd Marples

d Marples, a former Mini- f Transport, is being sued firm of London estate s for the alleged non-pay- of commission on the 00 sale of some of his rties.

ric Towning Associates laims that Lord Marples £6,900, representing 3 per ommission on the sale of rties in Kensington.

a terminal planned hetland airport

ew terminal is to be built burgh airport, Shetland, st of about £10m, to cope creasing traffic from the ustry.

BBC drops TV play about borstal

A television play dealing with conditions in a borstal institution has been removed from the BBC's "Play for Today" schedules on the instructions of Mr Bill Cotton, controller of BBC 1.

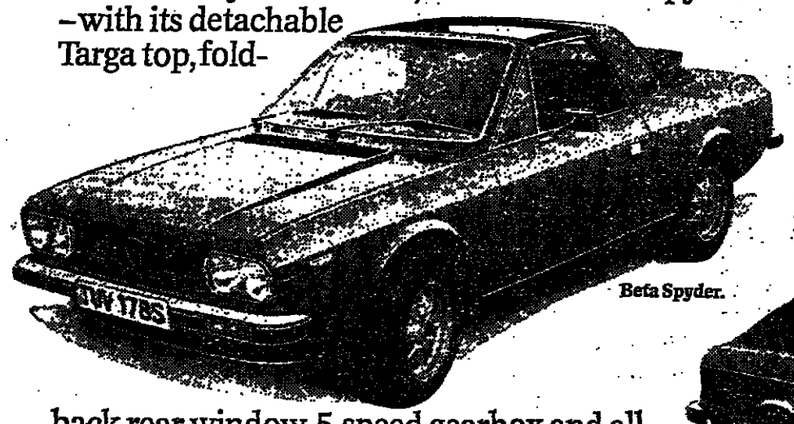
Roy Minton's play, *Scum*, was to have appeared in last autumn's schedules. Cuts were made, but both Mr Cotton and Mr Alasdair Milne, managing director of BBC Television, opposed its showing.

A BBC statement yesterday said: "Every incident in *Scum* may be accurately documented, but packing all of them into one 90-minute play is a distortion of normal conditions"

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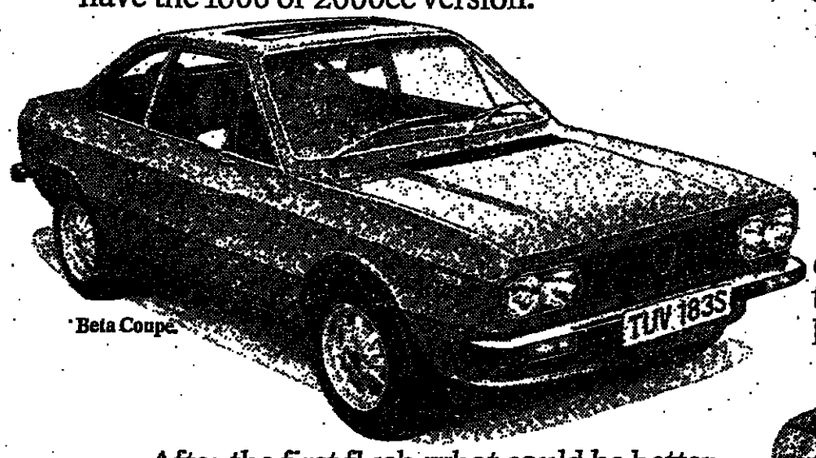
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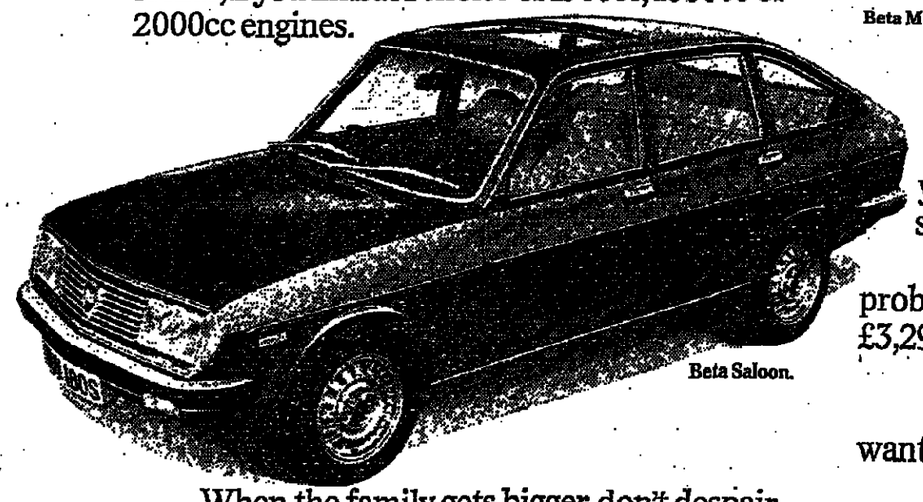
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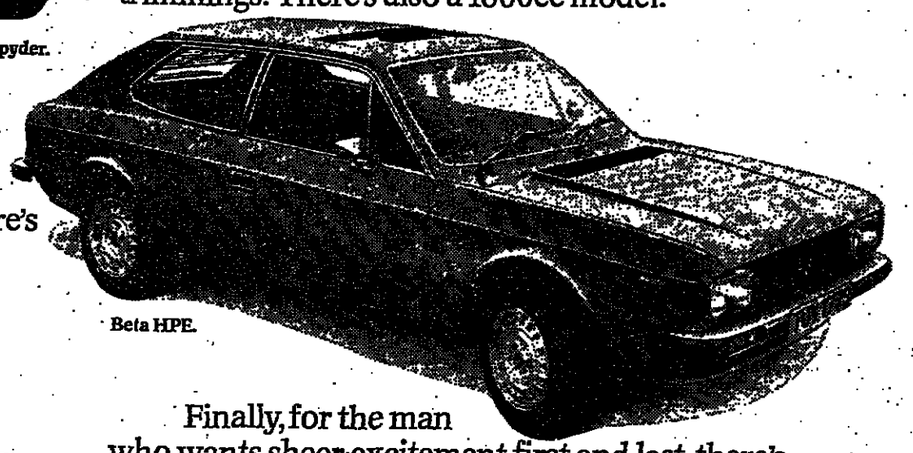


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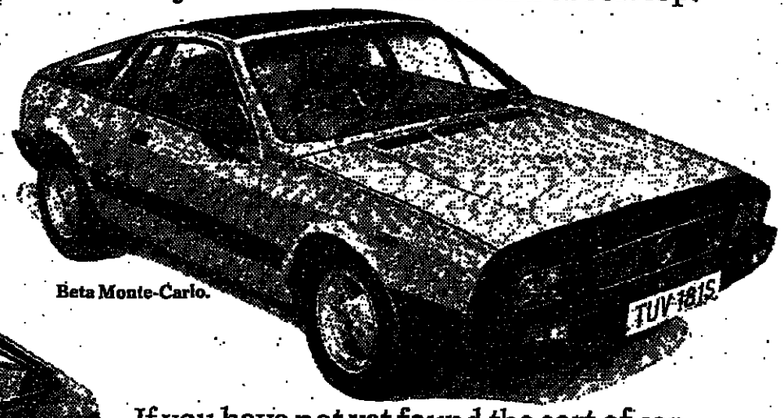
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HOME NEWS

Union chiefs will urge Chancellor to boost economy by £3,000m

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Trade union leaders are to press the Government to expand the economy by at least £3,000m through reduced personal taxation, higher pensions and job-creation. They want the growth rate more than doubled from its present sluggish level to 5 per cent this year.

The proposals will be put to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the TUC economic committee later this month before publication of the TUC's annual Economic Review.

The economic committee yesterday approved a draft of the review, which forms the basis of the unions' annual pre-Budget representations to the Cabinet. Its chief plank is a plan to change the tax system.

The unions are seeking a lower rate of tax of 25 per cent for the first £1,000 of taxable income, which would benefit more than 21 million taxpayers. That new tax band, 9 per cent lower than the standard rate, would cost £2.000m in a full year but would add considerably to disposable income.

The idea has had a preliminary airing in talks with the Chancellor, and the TUC feels confident that it has made out a prima facie case.

But the thorny issue of continuing pay restraint, on which Mr Healey insists that tax cuts are conditional, does not appear in the draft review. Officially the TUC is committed to free collective bargaining at the expiry of phase two wage deals; but a move by Mr Ken Gill, the militant draughtsmen's leader, to have that spelt out in the document was not taken up.

That omission suggests that the TUC, while not publicly acquiescing in the 10 per cent pay curbs, is privately anxious not to embarrass the Government by trumpeting its policy commitment to unfettered wage negotiations.

In calling for a growth rate of 5 per cent, as against only about 2 per cent on unchanged economic policies, the TUC argues that constraints on expansion have largely disappeared, and some boost to personal spending is due.

In job-creation, the TUC proposes retention of the temporary employment subsidy after its putative date of expiry on April 1, and wider introduction of the job expansion subsidy tried out in some development areas.

Pensioners should get an increase this autumn over and above what is needed to keep pace with inflation, the review adds. A working party on child benefits is producing a scheme for a £200m improvement later this year.

The Economic Review will be published next month. It is much shorter than in recent years, a reflection in part perhaps of the union leaders' lack of success in convincing the Chancellor that their economic policies are sounder than orthodox Treasury measures.

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Mr Silkin faced by angry farmers

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, faced bitter criticism yesterday when he defended his policy to members of the Farmers' Club in London. Farmers brushed aside his assurances of higher incomes through a devaluation of the "green pound" and told him that he was destroying agriculture.

Mr Frank Paton, a Somerset livestock producer, quoted Cromwell: "Let us have done with you. In the name of God, go." He tried to propose a motion against the minister but was shouted down by members who recalled the non-political traditions of the club.

"I have never been to such a tense meeting of the Farmers' Club", Mr Paton told the minister. "I think the damage that has been done to our industry by your period in office has been extremely serious."

Mr Charles Jarvis, chairman of the British Farm Produce Council, who farms in Essex, told Mr Silkin: "I feel very bitter about you, and a lot of my friends do. I reckon you have failed." Mr Wallace Day, a member of the Milk Marketing Board, said: "The audience has been rather disappointed with the minister's speech."

Mr Silkin spent twice as long answering questions as he had reading the speech. In it he gave several hints of more money for farmers, mixed with reminders that he did not make the Government's decisions about finance for agriculture alone.

He accepted that the "green pound", with which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling, would have to be devalued. He and other ministers would decide when and by how much.

"We have all had to suffer cuts in our expectations", he went on. "I believe the annual review White Paper which I expect to be published tomorrow will show that farming net income held up well in real terms in 1977.

"We can now begin to look forward to the rewards that all of us have earned by the restraints we have accepted." Several speakers said Mr Silkin had been much more favourable to consumers than to farmers, and that the food and farming responsibilities of his department should be divided between two ministries.

"God help the agricultural industry if the two were split", Mr Silkin said. "You must not treat the consumer as an enemy. The consumer consumes. That is what the consumer is for."

A few months later the balance might swing back in favour of the consumer, the minister said.



Sir Derek Ezra (centre) visiting South Kirkby colliery, near Wakefield, West Yorkshire, yesterday.

CEGB may buy extra 4m tons coal

From Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent
South Kirkby

As Yorkshire miners started voting in their incentive bonus ballot yesterday, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, announced the likelihood of increased sales to its biggest customer, the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The CEGB, he said, was contemplating taking three to four million tons more power station coal a year at the right price. Increased sales would depend on incentive schemes being introduced in Yorkshire.

Visiting South Kirkby colliery, Sir Derek said production this year would be 115 to 116 million tons, three million tons down on last year. The CEGB took 72 million tons.

"Output has been falling at the rate of three million to four million tons a year", he said. "If we do no more than produce what we produced last year we shall not have the coal to give the CEGB. We need to stop the declining trend and start it moving up. That is why we need an effective incentive scheme."

Sir Derek emphasized that his visit, fixed last July, was not intended to influence the voting. Demand for electricity had increased. The CEGB was exactly the kind of opportunity to be seized if the industry was to reverse recent trends.

Decision delayed: South Wales miners' delegates decided yesterday to delay for a week their decision whether to accept a productivity deal for their area (Tim Jones writes from Cardiff). As resistance to such deals crumbles elsewhere the South Wales men have become increasingly isolated.

They voted four to one against a productivity deal before the union national executive approved locally agreed schemes. South Wales leaders have bitterly opposed the scheme, arguing that it is divisive and might compromise safety.

It seemed yesterday that the decision to delay was taken in order to see the outcome of this week's Yorkshire area ballot.

Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales NUM president, said after the meeting that feeling had been overwhelmingly against local deals. He intends to ask the National Coal Board for details on how the scheme is working in other areas.

North Wales miners began a scheme this week that should give the face worker an increase of more than £10 a week.

The board has indicated that future investment in South Wales might be jeopardized unless output increases from the present 34.1cwt for each manshift.

Strike over: An unofficial strike of coalface workers at Betteshanger colliery, near Deal, Kent, over productivity deals ended yesterday when 300 men returned to work.

Anglicans welcome 'folk church' decline

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

The rapid decline in number of baptisms, confirmations and church marriages is welcome in the preface of the 197 Church of England Year Book published today, as a sign tha the church is losing hindrance to its proper role in society.

The church is a year farthe on along its long march "j the course of which it is grad ally shedding those aspects o its establishment and 'fol church' inheritance whic hinder its missionary task'

"The statistics for baptism confirmation, and marriages i church show the rapid declin of 'folk churchery'. Ther are issues ahead which, if mi handled, could rend the churc asunder. People are aware o the difficulties and the pas dangers. But at the same tim there is a quiet confidence."

Understanding of ministry i renewed, the preface continues and more lay people than eve are effectively involved i church work. There is als heartening evidence that la people are prepared to mair tain and support the churc financially.

The traditionally anonymou preface writer says he can di cern "the emergence of church, striving to make bette use of its resources, huma and material, for mission".

The preface also draws atter tion to the strains on the Arch bishop of Canterbury and sug gests that the forthcomin Lambeth Conference migh consider means of lightenin the load.

"We have grown accustome over the years to the idea tha the Archbishop of Canterbur travels the globe", it state "There is no doubt at all tha all this travelling does a gre deal of good. But it is now s significant a factor in the yearl round of the successors of S Augustine that it has altere and is altering what in th secular world would be the jo description."

It adds that the church i fortunate in having, in D Coggan, someone who thrive on hard work. "But is it righ that we should expect so much and should not some thought b given to some easing of th load?"

With the Anglican world com ing to Canterbury, for a chang in 1978, it suggests that that i a subject to which th assembled bishops migh address themselves.

Exchange of comics

Comic swapping is bein introduced at public librarie in Surrey in an attempt to per suade more children under-12 t join.

Parties pressed to select more women candidates

By Our Political Reporter

Politicians were warned yesterday that unless they kept pace with the rapidly changing needs and expectations of women there might be pressure for a women's party in Britain.

The comment came from Lady Howe, deputy chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission and wife of Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Conservative Party spokesman on Treasury and Economic Affairs.

She did not spare the Conservative Party in her remarks. "The party which is proud to have provided the first woman MP (Lady Astor) and the first woman party leader should, I suggest, be giving more priority to thinking of ways in which it can achieve a higher percentage of women in Parliament."

The record of the Labour and Conservative parties in selecting woman as parliamentary candidates was not impressive, she told a City Conservative Forum luncheon in London.

In the October, 1974, general election there were 50 women out of 626 candidates (8 per cent of the total); 30 Conservative women out of 623 (4.8 per cent); 49 Liberal women out of 619 (7.9 per cent) and nine nationalist women out of 71 (12.6 per cent).

Judging by the numbers of candidates so far selected by the Labour and Conservative parties to fight the next election, it looked as though the same disappointing low numbers would continue, she said.

The Government's attempt at implementing its own legislation was unsatisfactory. She awarded her "top prize" to the Department of Prices and Consumer Affairs where 38 per cent of its appointees are women and the "wooden spoon for inequality" to the Department of Trade (4.4 per cent) and the Department of Industry (2.3 per cent).

Westminster archdiocese opens its accounts

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The first substantial glimpse of the internal financial affairs of the Roman aCtholic Church in England has been given with the publication today of the annual accounts of the archdiocese of Westminster. Hitherto the church, which has no central financial authority, has issued only summaries of diocesan funds at most, and often no information at all.

The Westminster accounts have been made public both in support of the principle of more open church administration and as an encouragement to churchgoers to increase contributions.

Diocesan officials are hoping that individual parish priests will feel persuaded by this example to be more open with their congregations, and that other dioceses will want to follow Westminster's lead.

The insured value of property owned by the archdiocese is about £120m and that does not take into account site value. Almost all the property is directly used by the church, and earns no rent or income. The financial investments, of about £700,000, bring in £67,000 a year, which is exceeded by donations of £78,000 to the education budget.

The report accompanying the statement of accounts points out that the property assets owned by the archdiocese are generally not realizable even if they were not needed. Some are listed buildings, and some are on sites that would not obtain planning permission for other uses. A committee has been set up to decide whether there are any under used premises that could be sold or reallocated for other purposes. A few vacan sites may be sold, and the report states that local community needs will be taken into account in doing so.

The archdiocese's debts, of about £6m, cost nearly £600,000 in interest charges, of which £500,000 is for education; £370,000 is set aside for future school building development, which represents a cut from a level of about £600,000 a year. Administration costs about £100,000 a year, with an additional £102,000 for educational services.

In a pastoral letter to be read in all parishes on Sunday, Cardinal Hume will be suggesting a level of weekly giving equivalent to one hour's income for every wage-earner. The present level of giving has been estimated at just under 50p a week for every family. The archdiocese has just under 250,000 Mass-going Roman Catholics, covering an area of London north of the Thames and the whole of Hertfordshire.

Immigrants complain of worse delays

By Peter Evans

Puzzling discrepancies over immigration figures from Pakistan, which imply a threat to the government's immigration strategies, are thrown up by a report of the National Organisation of African, Asian and Caribbean People.

Government figures last month showed a big increase in the numbers of Pakistani nationals coming to Britain in a nattempt to reduce the backlog, but according to on-the-spot research by the organization the waiting time for dependants is increasing.

Home Office figures for the third quarter of 1977 disclosed what it called an exceptionally high number of Pakistani citizens coming to Britain, a rise of 57 per cent to 3,583, compared with the similar period of 1976.

The Home Office said the figures reflected special arrangements made to speed the handling of the backlog of priority applications of wives and young children of Pakistani heads of households settled in Britain.

In a television broadcast on a BBC programme for Asians, Mr Callaghan, said before leaving for the subcontinent that staff in British posts had been increased so that queues could become shorter.

"There are people who have a right under our law to come here and we must make their position subject to as little hardship as we can by decreasing the period that they have to wait", he said.

Now a telegram has been sent by the National Organization of African, Asian and Caribbean People to Mr Callaghan to coincide with the Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan. It is based on a visit to Islamabad by Mr Tariq Azim Khan, the organization's secretary.

The telegram urges Mr Callaghan to see fo rhimself the plight of thousands of dependants waiting to join their families. It says: "We are sure that you were not trying deuiberately to mislead when you declared recently that the waiting time for these dependants has been reduced.

The waiting time has increased from 13 months to 19 months before the first interview is granted, and the signs are that this period will lengthen. This is borne out by a study carried out by us last year and confirmed by immigration officials at the British Embassy in Islamabad."

The telegram says there are now more than 13,000 outstanding applicants. Families of some British citizens have been waiting. Things have been made worse ing for five and a half years by the Chancellor's withdrawal of tax benefits for those families from April this year, the organization adds.

Man in the news: Youngest holder of Scotland's top Civil Service job

Skill and humour vital for formidable task

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

From private to permanent in 12 years is a rapid rise through the higher secretarial strata of the Civil Service. To achieve that in one department without experiencing at first hand the warren of Whitehall is perhaps unique, yet that is the record of Mr William Kerr Fraser, who takes over as Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office in April.

Aged 49, the youngest man ever to hold Scotland's top Civil Service job, he succeeds Sir Nicholas Morrison, who retires on his (sixtieth) birthday.

The appointment has been unreservedly welcomed, since there has rarely been a time in Scottish Office history when the civil servant has required more foresight, administrative skill and ready humour.

Mr Fraser, who is now deputy secretary in charge of the Central Services Department preparing the Scottish Office for the advent of the Scottish Assembly, has a full measure of all those qualities.

He will not have an enviable task. The Scottish Office, with 11,000 civil servants and a £3,000m annual budget, is



about to be divided between the assembly organization and the Secretary of State for Scotland. That assumes that the Government's devolution Bill survives beyond the referendum, and that a general election does not upset the Government's applecart before the assembly Bill is enacted.

One can imagine Mr Fraser walking into his new office on April 1 to find a Plan A and a Plan B on his desk. Whichever one political circumstances demand, there will be the certainty of hectic organization and loud complaints as the entire government of Scotland changes shape.

Much will also depend on the final small print of the Bill, the political complexion of the assembly's executive and its objectives. It would be upon Mr Fraser's desk that the nuts and bolts of any disagreement between Edinburgh and London would land.

Mr Fraser, a thorough Scot, has been closely involved with the machinery of devolution ever since the word was mentioned meaningfully in the corridors of St Andrew's House. He has never spoken officially on the subject, maintaining the professional reserve of a civil servant, but he is known to be firmly in favour of an assembly leading to more decentralization and a democratic watch over the Scottish Office's considerable authority.

During his service at St Andrew's House the organization has grown impressively, and Scotland's control over her own affairs is now considerable. Mr Fraser's responsibilities cover those of five United Kingdom ministries. Although there are fewer people to look after, the span of responsibility is much greater than with any other department.

The impression is that the Scottish Assembly will have about 10,000 civil servants, 3,000 covering the work left over to the Secretary of State: figures that show the sharp change of direction likely to come in the course of Scottish government.

Where Mr Fraser's desk will eventually settle in this reorganization is not clear, but since he is directing events he will be one of the few civil servants left with a choice. Perhaps he will come to rest somewhere in the centre

His appointment is taken as a positive sign that the Scottish Office is back firmly on track after the gloomy days of the Pottinger scandal, when Sir Nicholas Morrison became the first Englishman to head the Scottish Civil Service. The tradition of appointing a Scot has returned, although over the heads of some senior colleagues.

His friends note with relief that he does not believe in elitism and that his background is remarkable for such an appointment. He went from a council school to Glasgow University, read arts and law and then qualified as a solicitor.

He did not take an honours degree, an achievement that to many Scottish minds separates the sheep from the goats. They forget, perhaps, that goats have a more individual nature and climb higher.

'Shop-floor graduates needed'

By Our Education Correspondent

Industry must provide more opportunities for graduates on the shop floor Canon George Tolley, Principal of Sheffield City Polytechnic, told a conference on industry, education and management in London yesterday.

It was no use urging the merits of manufacturing industry and then keeping graduates away from where the action was, as so often happened, he said. If the shop floor could not be sold to graduates, what was there to sell?

New graduates in their first job often complained of insufficient responsibility and challenge. "It is not all dirt and conflict on the shop floor. There is real responsibility and challenge there", he said.

Canon Tolley spoke of the groundswell of concern and criticism at what was felt to be the failure of higher education to meet society's needs. It was blamed for British industry's declining ability to compete in world markets.

At least some of this criticism of higher education and its output amounted to criticism of response to market forces, he said. Hifher educarion had responded to demand from schoolleavers; graduates had responded to salaries and esteem.

Graduates of ability had sought posts in which they felt they would be able to exercise their ability and to receive both good initial salaries and good prospects for progression. They had not found either often enough in manufacturing industry.

Canon Tolley said there was a need for a fundamental change of structure in, and attitudes toward, ihgher education. In particular, higher education should restore the primacy of the vocational element in its courses.

That did not mean that higher education should be made the servant of manpower planning, but that it should give students the ability an dthe desire to apply knowledge in practical situations. It meant breaking the stranglehold that "research" had on attitudes of teaching staff and students.

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The Reith Lectures—1

Professor Halsey seeks to unravel amalgam of continuity and change

By Ian Bradley

Professor A. H. Halsey, in the first of his Reith Lectures last night, announced that he will be seeking to unravel the complex amalgam of continuity and change that has occurred in Britain during the lifetime of his listeners. "My answers", he said, "will be those of a sociologist".

Professor Halsey, who is head of the department of social and administrative studies at Oxford University, took the courageous step in his first lecture of defining his academic craft. He said: "Sociology is about social relations, the relations of individuals and groups in work and in play, war and peace, transient encounters and enduring bonds. Sociologists seek regularity and pattern in these relations. Hence they summarize them in abstractions as relations of production and reproduction, of kinship and affinity, of authority and freedom, power and advantage."

He suggested that two specific insights could be gained by adopting a sociological perspective: "We shall discern the forces of continuity and change, and we shall arrive at a clearer view of what makes for consensus and conflict in our society."

The difference between classes, sexes, generations, and ethnic groups could he said, be depicted, in the relation between means and ends. "The means are social organizations and movements. The ends are the ideals which dominate modern social thought: what I have referred to as the dreams of the modern age. They are liberty, equality and fraternity. They are, so to say, courts of appeal before which policy and practice appear as plaintiffs or defendants in an evolving trial of promise and performance."

He identified two contending sociological traditions: the one liberal, evolutionist, and long-suffering, giving the highest priority to liberty; the other socialist, revolutionary, and critical, giving the highest priority to equality.

The first, liberal, tradition started from the primacy of man's evaluations and preferences, he said. The second Marxist, tradition started from the primacy of man's conflicting interests as he satisfied his wants and appetites.

While Marxists saw continuity and change built into society in the form of a class struggle against inequality, liberals saw civil society being maintained through the operation of tastes preferences and human values The Marxist principle of distribution was exploitation in society dominated by the working class. The liberal principle of distribution was competition in a pluralistic society.

He found in both approaches an absence of the notion of fraternity. He pointed out that Marxists concentrated on equality and postponed fraternity until their postulated revolution, while liberals subordinated it to their attachment to liberty. The problem of fraternity had been posed by the modern scarcity of resources and raw materials, dramatically summed up by Professor Fred Hirsch in his book, *The Social Limits to Growth*.

Professor Halsey said: "Scarcity will always bring us back to the problem of fraternity. The characteristic and confused expression of this problem is a familiar and widely expressed generalization; the comprehensive proposition that British society faces imminent disaster."

He noted that the proposition that Britain has declined, is declining and will shortly collapse finds almost universal acceptance among people of all shades of political opinion. "Even the Labour Party, the main bearer of political cheerfulness in our time, has lately tended to see North Sea oil as a last chance to modernize our economy and society."

He promised that he will go on to consider the theme of Britain's decline and, in his words, "to arrive, if I can, at a more secure base for agreeing or disagreeing with what I take to be the dominant theme of current conventional wisdom". His first lecture will be repeated on BBC Radio 3 on Sunday, and his lecture on Radio 4 on Wednesday evening.

PO is urged to encourage full benefit claims

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

The Post Office could do more to ensure that welfare benefits reach those who are entitled to them, a meeting called by the National Consumer Council was told yesterday.

Mr Tony Emett, of the Welfare Rights Officers' Group, told representatives of Post Office management, trade unions and welfare bodies that more than 900,000 people leave supplementary benefits unclaimed, while 80,000 entitled to family income supplement fail to collect.

Mr Emett said the good relationship that could develop between staff and regular customers, especially in sub-postoffices, might encourage people to claim fully the benefits to which they were entitled.

Mr Jeremy Mitchell, director of the National Consumer Council, expressed concern over sub-postoffice closures. The number has dropped by 1,700 since 1964.

Concorde flights to Saudi Arabia being considered

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

British Airways confirmed yesterday that is examining the technical and commercial possibilities of starting supersonic services by Concorde between London and Saudi Arabia.

That is one of several new routes that the airline is examining in the light of the success of Concorde services between London and Washington and New York.

Concorde flights to New York are operating with up to nine tenths of the seats filled. To meet demand the frequency is being increased to six a week from this weekend and to daily from next month.

Mr Ross Stainton, chief executive of British Airways, has made clear that he would like to see a "United Nations of Concorde operators", with other airlines sharing British-operated aircraft.

The principle has been applied on the route between London and Singapore, with Singapore Airlines leasing the aircraft east of Bahrain with British Airways pilots and Singapore cabin crews. The service is temporarily suspended because of objections about overflying from the Government of Malaysia.

British Airways is well advanced in negotiations with Braniff International for an extension of the London-Washington service to Dallas/Fort Worth in the colours of the American airline.

Mr Stainton said he saw other joint operating possibilities for the Concordes to Kuwait, from Singapore to Melbourne, Hongkong, Bangkok and Tokyo, and to Lagos, West Africa, in conjunction with Nigeria Airways and British Caledonian.

If all those new routes were opened there would be no need for British Airways to buy more Concordes although five aircraft are complete, or almost complete, awaiting customers.

The airline has five Concordes and at present they are underemployed. A daily service to New York will require one Concorde utilized to 2,800 hours a year. British Airways' long-term objective is to fly each of the five for 2,750 hours a year.

Government is criticized over Scottish jobless

Criticism of the Government's record on unemployment is contained in resolutions for the annual conference of the Scottish Council of the Labour Party, which opens in Dunoon on March 17. The resolutions, published in Glasgow yesterday, show a strong undercurrent of discontent among constituency parties over the number of Scots looking for work.

One from Edinburgh, North, describes job-creation and work-experience schemes as at best a temporary relief and at worst a source of cheap labour. It calls on the Government to guarantee a job or further education opportunity for every school-leaver, to implement a big programme of useful public works, and to nationalize companies that threaten redundancies.

Pollock demands action on the basis of a 35-hour week, reduction of pensionable age to 60, work-sharing and nationalization of potentially profitable businesses that threaten closure or large-scale redundancies.

Only three of the 125 resolutions concerned the proposed Scottish Assembly.

Opera's artistic director loses his job

By Our Arts Reporter

Mr Michael Geliot, artistic director of the Welsh National Opera, has lost his job with the reorganization of the company, from next Tuesday.

A statement by Lord Davies, chairman of the company, said the council of management hoped Mr Geliot would be a guest producer in the future.

Mr Geliot was said yesterday to be discussing the matter with his lawyers and with his union, Equity.

The Welsh National Opera said: "The matter may also be subject to negotiations between himself and the company."

Lord Davies said the company's council of management had decided in July to implement a proposal for reorganizing the company which included abolishing Mr Geliot's post.

But the council decided that before action was taken the matter should be referred to arbitration. Negotiations had broken down, he said, and the council decided to implement the reorganization proposal.

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WEST EUROPE

Three killed in police gunfight with Basque separatists

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Jan 11

At least three men were shot dead in a gun battle between plainclothed policemen and Basque separatists on the streets of the northern city of Pamplona this afternoon.

The shoot-out occurred in the San Jorge section of the city only minutes after police inspectors had searched a flat thought to be used by members of the extremist organization ETA. As police lay in wait outside the entrance to the apartment block, their quarry drove up and shooting broke out. Two ETA men and one policeman were killed.

Initial reports said others were injured. It was not clear whether the injured included bystanders as well as policemen.

The search was carried out apparently on the basis of evidence which police gathered early this morning after the arrest of two suspected terrorists.

The arrests were part of an intensive operation which got under way after the Christmas week theft of about one ton of high explosives by the ETA in two separate incidents in the Basque country.

The death toll today was the highest for a single incident since last October when Basque extremists shot dead a government official and two members of his bodyguard near Bilbao.

In a recent clandestine statement the ETA promised to escalate its violent activities "until the security police and the Civil Guard are withdrawn from the Basque country".

A suggestion that a general should be put in charge of the Interior Ministry has been repeated by Senor Ramon Tamames, the Communist MP, in spite of his party leader's rejection of the idea.

The Madrid newspaper El Pais reported today that Senor Tamames had said in Gijon that he still believed a military man should head the ministry, because the present minister, Senor Rodolfo Martin Villa, "is burnt out and should resign."

Shortly after Senor Tamames had expressed that opinion for the first time at a recent press conference, Senor Santiago Carrillo, secretary-general of the Communist Party, remarked that military men should not be dragged into political affairs.

Senor Tamames said in Gijon: "I expressed a personal opinion and Carrillo gave his opinion, which does not coincide with mine; but there is no need for any rectification." Senor Tamames, a leading economist, proposed Lieutenant-General Jose Vega Rodriguez, the Army chief-of-staff for the job.

The existence of "certain anti-democratic strongholds" in the security police and the paramilitary Civil Guard made the appointment of a military man advisable, he said. General Vega Rodriguez is a former commander-in-chief of the Civil Guard.

In Madrid, Lieutenant-General Manuel Gutierrez Mellado, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence, addressed the defence committee of the Congress of Deputies and called on political parties to advise their members to refrain from political activities while doing their military service. He also asked for "support and respect" for the armed forces.

He told the MPs that the armed forces would be reformed, but that the changes must be made "without trauma". His ministry was working on a law to give protection to conscientious objectors, and waiting for proposals from other ministries regarding social work which the objectors might perform.

Mr Carter briefed on Italian crisis

From David Cross
Washington, Jan 11

Mr Richard Gardner, the American Ambassador in Rome, today briefed President Carter Carter and Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, on the political crisis in Italy, which the Administration fears may lead to Communist participation in a future government.

So far, the Administration has been carefully avoiding any actions or comments which could suggest American interference. A State Department spokesman has said only that Washington is "concerned" about the Italian Government crisi and is watching developments closely. He idi add, however, that the United States would clearly prefer no direct involvement by Communists in an Italian government.

The latest public remark on the Administration's attitude to Eurocommunism generally came from President Carter during his visit to Paris. In a speech last Wednesday he said that when democracy was up against "difficult challenges . . its leaders must show firmness in resisting the temptation of finding solutions in non-democratic forces".

On the basis of this he is presumably likely to urge Signor Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, to stand firm against mounting pressures from various political quarters in Rome to form a new government which would include the Communists.

A State Department spokesman said today that the Administration's attitude to Eurocommunism remained unchanged. He indicated that some official statement on the Italian political crisis might be forthcoming.

Rome, Jan 11.—More than 10,000 police were patrolling the streets of Rome today after four consecutive days of political violence that left three young Neo-Fascists dead.

Yesterday's clashes were brief but very violent. Extremists from the wing Italian Social Movement fired on police and burnt dozens of cars during protests over the weekend deaths of their comrades. Sixty-five people were arrested.

In Milan, Signor Franco Zeffirelli, the film director, has said that he is thinking of leaving Itlay because of the Communist march to power and personal attacks on him by leftists.

He was quoted by the Milan magazine *Gente*, as saying: "There is a *coup d'etat* atmosphere here. Whenever I return to Italy I get the impression I am in a madhouse."—Agence France-Presse and UP.

Third devaluation in a year considered as bottom falls out of key industries

Sweden presents record deficit budget

From Roger Choate
Stockholm, Jan 11

The Swedish Parliament today started deliberations on the Government's record reficit bnudget, which has suggested to MPs that the country has not yet plumbed the depths of its economic crisis.

Yesterday, the Government submitted the budget for 1978-1979 which called for a deficit of £3,570m—an astonishing sum for a country of eight million inhabitants. Amid a chorus of pessimistic economic forecasts the Government was understood to be considering a recommendation to devalue once again the once-proud krona.

The most sombre prognosis was delivered by Dr Gunnar Myrdal, the 1974 joint Nobel prize winner for economics. He suggested that Sweden, the powerhouse of Scandinavia was headings towards catastrophe.

Others were less pessimistic; but the centre-right coalition Government's financial plan submitted with the budget anticipated nominal economic growth of only 0.2 per cent, while state borrowing would continue at nearly £1,000m a year.

The budget, submitted by by Sweden's first non-socialist Government in 44 years, indicated a continued drop in domestic demand and overall standards of living. Throughout 1977 the coalition has achieved the unhappy distinction of presiding over the worst economic crisis since the 1930s.

During its first full year of office Mr Thorbjörn Fälldin's Government has seen the bottom fall out of key industries such as shipbuilding. Other export-oriented industries, such as special steels, timber, paper and pulp are uncompetitive on the world markets due to high production costs and failure to develop new technologies.

In a recent interview Tr Fälldin said the period had been "most trying" for his Government. He was swept to power in September, 1976, with his Centre Party on a platform pledging to halt Sweden's controversial nuclear power programme.

But economic crisis rapidly eclipsed the nuclear debate. With industry only ticking over the economy required not more nuclear reactors but competitively priced products saleable on world markets.

In substance there has been no real difference in the policies pursued by the Fälldin Government and its socialist predecessors. It seems determined to maintain nearly full employment so long as foreign credits are readily available.

In the past 12 months the Swedish Government has taken out enormous foreign loans to pour thousands of millions of kronor into ailing industries in order to maintain employment and to give industry breathing time to open new export markets.

Just before Christmas, for instance, Kockmus shipyards in Malmö was granted credit guarantees of £65m to prevent layoffs of 6,000 workers. But mass layoffs have been announced by the kty iron ore mining industry in northern Sweden.

Polls have shown that the economic debacle, resulting in three devaluations in less than a year, is helping the opposition Social Democratic Party led by Mr Olof Palme, the former Prime Minister.

Mr Gösta Bohman, the Economics Minister, said yesterday that inflation, now running at 13.5 per cent, would drop to about 9 per cent this year. He believes that successive devaluations would give industry sufficient incentives to increase investments.

But the National Central Bureau of Statistics said that investments were expected to drop 10 to 15 per cent this year on top of a 13 per cent decline last year.

The Government is understood to be considering a recommendation from the influential Business Institute to seek a "social contract" on wages and devalue the krona by 15 per cent in the course of the year. Last August, the krona was devalued by 10 per cent, and Sweden left the European "currency snake".

Despite the unprecedented setbacks the Fälldin Government has managed to keep unemployment down to about 2 per cent. However, unemployment is expected to rise sharply in the course of the long Scandinavian winter as Sweden tries to come to grips with what amounts to a structural economic crisis.

Professor Myrdal, one of the architects of the country's economic system, believes that Sweden, as an outstanding example of the "mixed-economy" state, has the capacity to take a lead in halting the vicious spiral between wages and prices.

"But this has not happened, and we are continuing on the way to catastrophe, and we'll continue to do so as long as inflation is considered a natural part of the world economy", he states.

Dr Myrdal believes that part of the fault lies with traditional economists who "stubbornly measure growth in gross national product—this idiotic measure which does not take into consideration what is produced".

He has told his countrymen: "We are at the end of a very long development. We live in a dangerous time, and it's very possible that everything will go to hell".

A prominent leader of the Swedish Confederation of Industries has privately predicted that if the nation survived the crisis the relationship between employer and employee would be dramatically altered. "Workers just aren't going to put up with hard times in this country unless there is a better deal in the offing."

Flu halts Soares coalition efforts

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, Jan 11

An attack of influenza is preventing Dr Soares, the Prime Minister, from completing his talks with the opposition parties on the possibility of forming a new government. Progress has been slow, and there is still no certainty of success.

Dr Soares, whose Socialist Government fell in December, was called by President Eanes to try to persuade the parties which had opposed him in Parliament to set aside political enmities in the national interest.

The Christian Democrats and the Socialists have come to terms on various points of divergence but not all. A final meeting between Dr Soares and Dr Freitas do Amaral, the Christian Democratic leader, is expected as soon as the health of the Prime Minister permits.

The Communists have declared that they would oppose a government composed of Socialists and christian Democrats only. They are understood to have demanded three ministries and three secretaries of state for themselves in the future government.

Both the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats refuse to join a government in which the Communists would be included.

Dr Alvaro Cunhal, the Ocmmunist leader was received by President Eanes today.

The police were called to a boys' school in Oporto when pupils appeared wearing swastika badges and giving the fascist salute. The pupils also pinned up a photograph of Dr Salazar, the late Prime Minister, and wrote "assassin" under one of Dr Soares.

Groups of pupils giving the fascist salute prevented teachers from entering classrooms. Others stoned the windows of the headmaster's study.

Four pupils were suspended temporarily. At an emergency not to hold classes until order was restored and their security guaranteed. A government inquiry was ordered and the school was closed until next week.

Last May the police shot a pupil at the school in the leg during a clash after political violence there.

Cries of fraud in French vote row

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 11

An administrative and legal tug-of-war is developing over the votes of French overseas residents seeking to register for the elections in a Montpellier constituency. It would be comic were not so much at stake.

Yesterday M Georges Frèche, the town's Socialist mayor, announced that almost half of the 1,200 applications sent in from the Ivory Coast had been rejected by an electoral commission. Today M François Delmas, the Republican former mayor, has succeeded in persuading another, more senior commission, to reinstate all the votes.

M Frèche's commission, composed of himself, a magistrate and a representative of the prefect, decided to reject all applications where the name of the constituency had been filled in separately to the other details in another handwriting or another coloured ink. M Delmas's commission, similarly composed save that there was a stand-in for the mayor, reinstated the applications, with the prefect's representative and the magistrate overruling the vote cast by the mayor's deputy.

The difference between the two commissions, according to M Delmas, a lawyer, is that the first was an electoral one charged with approving the composition of the electoral lists while the second was convened to decide on the registration of overseas voters. Between the two meetings, M Delmas had had a meeting with the prefect.

M Delmas has started legal proceedings against M Frèche alleging electoral fraud. M Frèche has already started legal proceedings of his own for electoral fraud against a person or persons unknown.

Other fraud cases have been started in Brest, where 315 out of 325 overseas applications have been rejected, and in Paris where the Socialists allege that French residents in Austria are being tricked into registering in the ninth constituency.

M de Guiringaud, the Foreign Minister, writing in *Le Monde* today, challenged the Opposition to prove that a single order had emanated from his ministry to carry out anything irregular. All that his officials had done was to carry out a law passed in the national Assembly.

According to M de Guiringaud, ambassadors had been instructed to send a letter out to French voters in their area giving them details of how to register. Some had registered direct and others had, quite properly, allowed a third party to direct their application to the constituency of their choice. In this way some 27,000 applications had been sent to France via the diplomatic bag.

He said the inquiry team which went to Gabon just after Christmas to see how the system had worked there had discovered some "irregularities" in the way that proxy votes were to be placed, with blank forms being sent out to be filled in apparently in whatever area party managers felt they might be needed. A study was in progress to work out how to put right such irregularities and to ensure that the Gabon residents did not lose their votes.

Strike threat by Danes may hit EEC

Copenhagen, Jan 11.—The Foreign Ministry said today that Denmark's 11-day-old chairmanship of the EEC Ministerial Council could become impossible next month if Government lawyers and economists carry out their threat to strike over expense claims.

The Danish Lawyers and Economists Association has instructed its members working outside Denmark to return to the country on February 1.

Their demands for increased travel expenses and conditions to put them in line with other Danish civil servants have been rejected by the Finance Ministry.

A Ministry spokesman said: "It is impossible to see how we can manage the EEC chairmanship after February 1. The problems will be colossal and all work practically impossible."—Reuter.

Svyatoslav Richter ill

Moscow, Jan 11.—Svyatoslav Richter, aged 63, one of the world's leading pianists, is seriously ill with pneumonia and has cancelled all his concerts for the next two months, his wife said today.

CDU leader launches political assault

From Patricia Clough
Bonn Jan 11

Herr Helmut Kohl, leader of the Christian Democrat Opposition, today opened an important electoral battle with a series of broadsides against the Social Democratic-led Federal Government.

About half the West German voters will go to the polls between now and next November to elect parliaments in the Lander of Bavaria, Hesse and Lower Saxony as well as the city state of Hamburg.

The fight will be particularly intense in Hesse which the Christian Democrats (CDU) hope to conquer after 33 years of Social Democratic Party (SPD) rule, while the SPD believes it can topple the CDU Government in Lower Saxony. A series of municipal elections will also see a battle for the control of Munich, at present an SPD-led island in Christian Social (CSU) Bavaria.

The elections could also have repercussions on the Federal Government. A CDU victory in Hesse which was not compensated elsewhere would give the party control of the Bundesrat, the Upper House of Parliament which is composed of Land representatives. This would make life extremely difficult for Herr Schmidt's Government, which has only a narrow majority in the Bundestag.

Much is at stake personally for Herr Kohl personally: his candidacy for the Chancellorship in the 1980 general election will depend to a great extent on his party's performance in the coming months. The Bavarian CSU, the sister party of the CDU, has made it clear that Herr Kohl's candidacy cannot be taken for granted.

National, as well as strictly local, questions are expected to play a major part in the lections and Herr Kohl chose to attack on three burning issues: the recent espionage case, the anti-terrorist security measures, and the closing of the *Der Spiegel* bureau in East Berlin after its publication of a manifesto said to have been drawn up by opponents of the East German Government.

Herr Kohl charged at a press conference here that the Chancellor and Herr Georg Leber, the Defence Minister, had long been aware of the magnitude of the recent military espionage case and had deliberately kept it from the public, in order not to damge the SPD's chances in the 1976 federal elections. This was "an unbelievable scandal", he said.

Details of the case, in which more than 1,000 top-secret documents were apparently passed to East Germany, were disclosed recently by the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. Three Defence Ministry employees were arrested in the summer of 1976, but the extent of their activities was not disclosed at the time.

Herr Kohl declared that the East German Government and the Warsaw Pact were now better informed about West German defence than the West German Parliament and the public. He again demanded Herr Leber's resignation.

The Opposition leader rejected the Government's latest package of anti-terrorist security measures and announced that he would advise his party to vote against them, thus removing the last vestige of all-party cooperation on security promised in the emotional aftermath of the Schleyer kidnapping and the Lufthansa hijacking.

Herr Schmidt, he alleged, was leading a minority Government open to the blackmail of its left-wing dissidents, who have in the past obliged it to alter legislation by threatening to vote against it and leave the Government without a majority.

If the Government did not take sufficient measures to combat terrorism, he added, the CDU would organize assemblies throughout the country to expose its lack of responsibility.

Dutch court hears German request for extradition

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, Jan 11

A West German request for the extradition of Knut Folkerts, who was jailed for 20 years three weeks ago for the murder of a Dutch policeman, was heard by a court in Maastricht.

Herr Folkerts is wanted in West Germany because of his membership of the terrorist Red Army Group and on suspicion of being guilty with others of the murder of Herr Siegfried Buback, the Chief Public Prosecutor, on April 7 in Karlsruhe. He is also suspected of being a party to the kidnapping of Dr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the murdered industrialist, in Cologne on September 5.

The central issue in today's court hearing was whether the acts for which Herr Folkerts was wanted could be considered to be of a purely political nature, in which case extradition would not be permissible. The prosecution argued that there was no direct link between the political aims of the Red Army Group and its criminal acts, and that therefore extradition would be permissible.

The court will give its ruling on January 25. It will also give confidential advice to the Minister of Justice who, unless the court rules against extradition, must take the final decision.

Tomorrow a court in The Hague will hear a West German request for the extradition of two other Red Army Group suspects, Christopher Wackernagel and Gert Schneider, who were arrested in Amsterdam on November 10 after a shooting in which they were wounded.

Kidnappers of envoy's daughter jailed in Rome

Rome, Jan 11.—Three Peruvian women were found guilty and two other women acquitted here today of kidnapping an ambassador's 6-year-old daughter in September, 1976.

Michele arak, daughter of Señor Carlos Luis de la Guardia Zarak, the Panamanian Ambassador to Italy, was kidnapped by the family nursemaid and accomplices while her parents were on holiday in Genoa. Police freed the girl after eight hours.

Cecilia Avilez, the nursemaid, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and her two accomplices were each sentenced to six years.—AP

Guinea-Bissau President visits Lisbon

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Jan 11

President Luis Cabral of Guinea-Bissau arrived in Lisbon today on a three-day visit, the first paid by a President of a former Portuguese colony.

He is accompanied by six ministers, including those for Foreign Affairs and Education. Portugal is giving financial as well as educational aid to Guinea-Bissau, through scholarships including those for technical students.

Some 200 Portuguese technicians are in Guinea-Bissau and a Portuguese navel mission is to leave to give technical aid on such installations as lighthouses and buoys.

Search ends for missing Briton

Milan, Jan 11.—Timothy Nichols, aged 25, of Bristol, visited his mother here today after being missing for five days, police reported.

A police search was mounted for Mr Nichols, whose father is Rome correspondent of *The Times*, after he left a national park in the Abruzzi region last Thursday.—AP.

Iran lifts trade boycotts

Teheran, Jan 11.—Iran today lifted its trade boycott on Italy and Denmark, imposed two weeks ago in reprisal for attacks on Iranian diplomatic missions in those countries.

A statement issued by the Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines, which decided on the boycott, said Denmark and Italy had expressed regret

Russia renews onslaught on Eurocommunism

Moscow, Jan 11.—The Soviet Union today made a new attack on Spain's Eurocommunists and condemned the concept of "pluralism under socialism" championed by other West European communist parties.

Like two previous attacks on Spanish Communist Party views last year, the latest onslaught was published by the weekly *New Times* and was issued in advance of the journal's appearance by Tass.

While earlier attacks centred on Señor Santiago Carrillo, the party leader, for his book, *Eurocommunism and the State*, the latest article focused attention on recent statements by Señor Carrillo's colleague in the leadership, Señor Manuel Azcarate.

It described as "essentially anti-communist statements" that Spanish Communists rejected the concept of Marxism-Leninism, regarded many aspects of Leninism as outdated and did not see Marxism as an absolute truth.

New Times referred specifically to a recent interview given by Señor Azcarate to the West German weekly *Der Spiegel*, but it made no mention of remarks by Signor Lombardo Radice, the Italian party ideologist, expressing similar ideas in the same edition of the journal.

Señor Azcarate's view of the Soviet Union, which he has said could not be a model for Eurocommunists, appeared to be based on "anti-Soviet concoctions from the massive propaganda drive which the Western mass media have mounted", *New Times* said.

"Playing up to this malicious anti-socialist propaganda campaign, Azcarate goes so far as to say the Soviet Union is not really a socialist state", it added. "Smears of this kind are not worthy of an answer. We cite them only to show how rapidly Azcarate is being sucked into the quagmire of anti-Sovietism."

Although the article was ostensibly directed against the Spanish Communists, its attacks on pluralism and rejection of criticism of the earlier attacks against Señor Carrillo indicated the target was wider and took in other parties as well.

In Europe the Italian, French and British parties are all on record in favour of the continued existence of several parties and varied forms of economic activity under socialism, a concept generally described as pluralism.

Señor Azcarate's talk of pluralism, *New Times* declared, "boils down in practical terms merely to concern for the preservation of the positions of anti-socialist ideology". It added: "And what is economic pluralism? Is it a matter of preserving capitalist property under socialism as well?"

In an apparent reference to other European Communists who criticized the tone of its earlier attacks on the Spaniards, *New Times* implicitly rejected suggestions that it had earlier exaggerated "anti-Soviet tendencies" in the views of the "avowed ideologues of Eurocommunism".

"The fact is that some of the most active proponents of Eurocommunism in effect bring grist to the mills of imperialism", it declared.—Reuter.

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Breakthrough likely in Rhodesia talks as Mr Sithole speaks of his disappointment with Britain

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Jan 11

A breakthrough seems imminent in the deadlocked Rhodesian settlement talks. Delegates met for just over three hours this afternoon at the official residence of Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, and as they left, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole said: "We are agreeing, we are agreeing."

Other sources said an agreement was very likely and the delegation heads, plus one other from each party, will meet again at the same place at 9 am tomorrow. It is believed that a plenary session, comprising the Rhodesian Front and the three African nationalist groups, will convene on Friday or next Monday.

For three weeks the talks have been held up because delegates could not agree on white representation in a future parliament under black majority rule.

There has been speculation in the past 24 hours that Mr Smith has retreated from his demand for a third of the white seats in the 100-member assembly to around the figure of 28. Bishop Abel Muzorewa, of the United African National Council, and Senator Chief Jeremiah Chirau were said to have agreed on this figure, but Mr Sithole held out for only 27 seats. This could not be confirmed, however.

This morning Mr Smith received the full backing of the Rhodesian Front parliamentary caucus on his handling of the talks. More than 40 of the 50 MPs met for more than two hours and Mr Smith was subjected to some tough questioning.

Afterwards the party's chief whip, Mr Dennis Divaris, said the caucus gave Mr Smith "its unanimous support in his efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement. Mr Smith was urged to maintain his stand of ensuring adequate safeguards which will retain the confidence of all whites".

At the same time Mr Sithole told a press conference that he was disappointed at the attitude of the British Government towards the internal talks. He himself was confident that they would be successful, yet the British Government seemed to think that Rhodesians could not decide their own future unless others were involved, namely, the Patriotic Front, the five "frontline" presidents, and South Africa.

Mr Sithole said that if he felt the talks were a fraud or dishonest he would have nothing to do with them. But because there was a chance of "hammering out" a solution which would be accepted eventually by all the people of the country, he was throwing in his efforts to solve the problem which had bedevilled Rhodesia for 13 years.

He rejected the Zambian view that independence must come before elections, because this meant a transfer of power to a particular political party or leader. He and the other nationalists at the internal talks were trying to ensure that effective power—not the shadow of power, but its substance—would be transferred to the people as a whole. This could only be done by giving the people the right to vote.

Mr Sithole was convinced that, once an honest deal had been made, the outside world would have no alternative but to accept what the people of the country had accepted.

"We cannot be treated as ideological experimental stations of other countries", he said.

"We cannot be regarded as carbon copies of other countries. We are a people. We have our own style of life and that we can never give up, regardless of what anyone else says."

The Patriotic Front, he added, was not the centre of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). It was a foreign political arrangement designed to superimpose upon the people certain leaders who were favoured by other countries. He said the Patriotic Front should be invited to the settlement talks and to take part in the general election, but if they turned down the invitation it was their business.

Another white civilian, Mr Lewis Costa de Carvalho, a 20-year-old employee of the Electricity Supply Commission, has been killed by guerrillas. Born in Portugal, he was married with one child. Mr de Carvalho's vehicle was ambushed in the Chinamora Tribal Trust land, about 20 miles north-east of Salisbury. He was the seventh white civilian to have died since last Saturday.

An African district assistant, Mr Meta Ncube, aged 29, has been murdered and guerrillas bayoneted a tribesman to death. Security forces said they had killed six guerrillas and arrested thieves who stole over 200 head of cattle from white farms in the north-east.

A national advertising campaign to promote harmony between the races has ended because of apparent lack of financial support and credibility. Aimed at creating awareness of understanding and tolerance between the races, the campaign was launched late last year by organized commerce and industry, the Chamber of Mines, and farming bodies. They provided the equivalent of £25,000, but the campaign was criticized as being artificial, unnecessary and misleading.



The four Soviet cosmonauts celebrating their triumph on board Salyut yesterday.

Cosmonauts in first space double

Moscow, Jan 14.—Four Soviet cosmonauts tonight celebrated in space with fruit juice squeezed from tubes after becoming the first spacemen to dock two space vehicles at one space station.

The crews of the two separate spacecraft met on board the Salyut 6 orbiting laboratory three hours after the Soyuz 27 space ferry launched yesterday docked at one end of the station.

On board Soyuz 27 were Colonel Vladimir Dzhanibekov and Mr Oleg Makarov. Waiting for them in the Salyut were Colonel Yury Romanenko and Mr Georgy Grechko, who docked their Soyuz 26 with the laboratory exactly a month ago.

Unlike previous Soviet and American space stations, Salyut 6, launched last October, has two docking ports, one at each end.

Colonel Romanenko and Mr Grechko retired to Soyuz 26 during the docking, at 1406 GMT, then returned to the laboratory and helped their colleagues climb in through an airlock.

Laughing loudly, the four hugged each other and then clinked fruit juice tubes in a toast to their success.

Moscow radio said Colonel Dzhanibekov and Mr Makarov will work on the laboratory for five days, then return to Earth on board Soyuz 26.

A western expert said he expected the Russians to man the 19-ton Salyut 6 continuously for up to 12 months, sending up new crews and supplies as required.

As Soyuz 27 was approaching Salyut today, the Soviet Union announced it had launched eight new communications satellites in the Cosmos series. —Reuter and UPI.

Awkward start for Israel-Egypt meetings

From David Watts
Cairo, Jan 11

The first meeting of the Israeli-Egyptian military committee got off to an awkward start tonight when the Israelis were prevented from giving a prepared opening speech.

General Ezer Weizman, the leader of the Israeli delegation arrived at the conference centre in the Tahra palace, but the Egyptians told the delegation they did not want the speech delivered.

An Israeli source said: "We thought it was a very honourable and respectable thing to open such a meeting by giving speeches but the Egyptians, for their own reasons, do not agree. So we are going to distribute it to the press."

There was no immediately apparent reason for the Egyptian reluctance to have the meeting opened with formal speeches but a conference source said that the Egyptians had not prepared an opening speech in advance and were more intent upon getting down to hard negotiation from the start. The Egyptians apparently wanted the opening remarks confined to a welcome.

The tone of the speech which was to have been delivered appeared warm in contrast to what had been correct but hardly effusive scenes at Cairo airport when the Israeli delegation arrived and before General Weizman flew south to Aswan for preliminary discussions with President Sadat. The meeting was at the request of the Egyptian leader after the invitation had been transmitted by the Americans.

The speech, which began "My dear friend General Gamassi", went on to describe the benefits waiting for the two countries if they managed to reach a peace agreement. It continued: "In the course of the present deliberations in Cairo, we shall examine arrangements for the continued maintenance of the Israeli settlements of the border regions and means of securing them."

This appeared to announce in advance that the Israelis will be sticking to their pre-conference position on retaining the Jewish state's settlements in the Sinai desert which Mr Sadat insists must be removed.

The Weizman statement which was later distributed to the delegates in written form also noted that the Israeli desire for peace must not be realized at the expense of security". It is for this reason that we must construct safeguards which we may employ without being dependent on others."

As he left en route for the Cairo meeting, General Weizman was quoted as saying: "The issue of the settlements is a critical, but I would not like to say the critical, one."

Michael Knipe writes from Jerusalem: The United Nations will not be represented at the political negotiations between Israel and Egypt due to begin here on Monday.

The governments of both countries have expressed their regrets at which is regarded as a snub by the world organization for President Sadat's peace initiative. No reason has been given for the United Nations decision but it is being seen as the result of pressure from the rejectionist Arab states and their supporters.

Vietnamese victors of border war

Bangkok, Jan 11.—The border war between Vietnam and Cambodia appeared today to be over for the present, and military sources here said the Vietnamese were clearly the victors.

The Vietnamese seemed to have achieved what observers believed was their aim: to retaliate decisively against Cambodian border incursions, and to secure their own borders against future Cambodian attacks.

During the past two weeks, they drove back Cambodian troops along the central and southern border zones and seized most of the strategic Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia, mid-way between Phnom Penh and Saigon.

The two communist neighbours have apparently reached a doplomatic stalemate, with Cambodia claiming military victory, while in reality having suffered major military reverses.

Cambodia today kept up its war of words with Vietnam, declaring that it would never become a Vietnamese satellite or part of an Hanoi-dominated Indo-China Federation. —Reuter.

Poland plans gradual food price rises

From Sue Masterman
Warsaw, Jan 11

The Polish Government will not make any further attempts to raise basic food prices drastically in order to bring them up to what is considered a realistic level. Instead, prices of basic items such as meat and bread will be allowed to slide upwards gradually.

This is one of the main decisions taken at the second conference of the United Workers' Party which met on Monday and yesterday in Warsaw to discuss changes of policy in preparation for the next five-year plan in 1980.

"The price changes introduced will not reduce the family income of the middle or lower income groups", Mr Jerzy Lukaszewicz, a candidate member of the Politburo, told a press conference afterwards. He disclosed that the planning commission which had worked out the new price policy had failed to reach an unanimous decision.

This week in Warsaw, there were still the familiar queues at the butchers. Where prime beef costs the equivalent of £1 a lb or less, the prices attract demand that supplies are insufficient to meet.

Some housewives, it is said, would rather see prices rise, and the queues disappear. But, as one told me, "After the war, we were told we could decide between queues outside the labour exchange, and queues outside the food shops, and if that is the choice, then we prefer this."

The party conference also approved recommendations to peg wages to productivity in the future. Industry was warned that shoddy workmanship would not be tolerated. A trend to increase profits by raising prices rather than productivity has already been "corrected", Mr Lukaszewicz said.

Mr Gierek, the party leader, in his opening speech promised improvements in social security benefits and pensions, token payments during the three years' leave a mother can take from her job, a home for each separate family before 1990, and a wider range of consumer goods.

Despite severe criticism of some sectors of the economy, there are to be no drastic changes in Mr Gierek's Cabinet. Mr Jozef Tejchma, the Minister of Culture, is to be replaced in the near future, but his removal is the result of a personal, rather than a political conflict.

Three new transmitters ready to hit back at UN anti-apartheid broadcasts

S Africa well armed for radio war

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg, Jan 11

As the new year arrived in South Africa a pair of bored men on duty at RSA radio, the external branch of the state-controlled broadcasting corporation, switched on their microphones and said to whoever might be listening: "Everyone we know is at a party, but we're not. Nevertheless, wherever you are, and whatever the time difference, a happy new year."

A few seconds later a telephone rang and a voice crackled: "Hello, sports. I'm speaking from Alice Springs, Australia. Happy new year to you, too."

The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), which prides itself on the quality of its equipment, admits that the chance of a sheep-shearer in alice, regaining consciousness from a new year session somewhat in advance of celebrations here, flicking on his radio button and hearing a South African programme, was something of a freak affair. Radio RSA (standing for Radio Republic of South Africa) does not beam its programmes to Alice Springs.

However, it does underscore the fact that, at the very time the United Nations has decided to transmit short-wave propaganda against apartheid at South Africa, the SABC is effectively equipped to hit back.

It announced this week, rather fortuitously, that it will begin to operate three new 500-kW transmitters within the next two months. These will be in addition to the four 250-kW transmitters it has already.

Mr Theo Greyling, head of the External Service, was reluctant today to say when the new transmitters will begin operations. But it does not require much guesswork to surmise that they will be on the air as soon as—if not before—the United Nations transmissions start through Radio Moscow, East Germany, the Netherlands, the Voice of America, Botswana and Mozambique.

The three 500-kW transmitters should have been working a few months ago, but they have been held up by what the radio industry calls "teething snags". Most of the equipment has been supplied by AEG of West Germany. When they do start operating, radio experts in South Africa are confident they will be able to give as good as South Africa gets from United Nations sources.

The United Nations broadcasts will be transmitted on short wave, while reception in South Africa is based almost entirely on ultra-high frequency FM relays. FM radio sets are available at about £5 each, and the SABC stopped transmitting in medium wave, which blocks reception from neighbouring territories, about a year ago. The local radio industry produces portables mainly for clear FM and crackly short-wave reception.

It seems bewildering to anyone here that the United Nations agency responsible for radio could have envisaged, at any time, really influencing the situation with transmissions mainly off the waveband of the radios that most blacks possess.

According to Mr Greyling, Radio Bantu, the black section of the SABC has five million daily listeners on its FM service out of a total black population of about 18 million.

South Africa's own radio propaganda is aimed mainly at West Africa, East Africa, the Middle East, and North America. According to Mr Greyling, it remains strictly objective, and, while putting across South Africa's point of view, selects news items which it considers are of international, rather than purely South African, interest.

In this respect it is considerably better than the South African domestic service, which panders largely to elected politicians and the official point of view.

Mr Greyling suggests that RSA's impartiality is supported by the 60,000 or so letters it receives a year, which based on an internationally accepted rule of thumb represent an audience of about 12 million.

"We don't go out of our way to broadcast abusive attacks on other countries leaders or their systems", he says. "We are a fairly impartial network."

Dr Salk to test fatal disease drug

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Jan 11

Dr Jonas Salk, who successfully developed a polio vaccine, has been given permission by federal authorities here to test a new drug on humans which might combat the effects of multiple sclerosis.

The drug, myelin basic protein, which is extracted from a pig's nervous system, has proved effective in treating an animal disease called allergic encephalomyelitis, the pathology of which is similar to multiple sclerosis.

The research laboratory which has been preparing the substance for Dr Salk has made it clear that research is still at an early stage and may not be a success in treating humans.

It is hoped that the new drug will arrest the progression of multiple sclerosis, which attacks the central nervous system. The body of a victim of the disease tries to immunize itself against the affliction, which causes a slow, debilitating deterioration of health ending in death.

The first batch of human tests is likely to begin later this month in the San Diego area of California.

Our Medical Correspondent writes: Despite Dr Salk's high scientific reputation, any claims that this new treatment may be a substantial advance should be viewed with caution.

There have been many previous claims of a breakthrough in treating multiple sclerosis, ranging from gluten-3 diets to dosing with sunflower oil: none has stood up to critical testing in controlled trials.

Bhutto arrests extended for Callaghan visit

From Richard Wigg
Islamabad, Jan 11

General Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's military ruler, said tonight that the house arrest of Begum Nusrat and Miss Benazir Bhutto, the wife and daughter of the former Prime Minister, had been extended as a precautionary measure against demonstrations in Lahore when Mr Callaghan goes there to watch a cricket match on Friday.

He informed British journalists of this shortly after Mr Callaghan's arrival here from India on the third and final stage of his 10-day tour of the sub-continent. The Prime Minister is the first leading politician to visit Pakistan since Mr Bhutto's downfall last spring.

Mr Bhutto's wife and daughter have been under house arrest in Lahore since before Christmas because of efforts by his People's Party to increase the pressure for a general election. Mr Bhutto is on trial in Lahore on a charge of political murder.

General Zia said that he will not be raising the issue of Pakistan immigrants in Britain during his talks with Mr Callaghan.

"This is much too minor a matter to be raised with the Prime Minister. We are very grateful because by and large our people are well treated, receiving the same treatment as any other national", he said.

Asked if Pakistan would, while he was in power, be seeking to rejoin the Commonwealth, General Zia said he felt the matter was best left to a civilian government after a general election.

It is clear that the general would personally like to see his country back in the Commonwealth, which Mr Bhutto left when Britain recognized Bangladesh after the 1971 war, but he is also aware that a democratically elected government would be more readily accepted.

The chief martial law administrator indicated that he is still planning to hold a general election later this year,



Mr Callaghan greeted by General Zia when he arrived in Islamabad yesterday.

but he added: "I am not giving any dates this time. If we can hand over power in 1978, as I am praying and hoping fervently, we can consider ourselves damned lucky."

General Zia also announced that by the end of this month six more charges, including one alleging responsibility for the breakup of Pakistan in 1971, will be brought against Mr Bhutto, to be heard by civilian courts.

As well as reviewing the disqualification of politicians of the Bhutto era who were considered to have been corrupt, which he will supervize personally, General Zia intends to remove the concentration of power from the hands of the prime minister which Mr Bhutto wrote into his 1973 constitution. He said talks were already going on with politicians to strengthen the presidency in order to achieve a balance of power.

General Zia admitted he was fully aware of the effective power presently wielded by the army chief in Pakistan, but argued that with a proper balance of power no military leader would intervene.

Mr Callaghan will be discussing the Middle East with General Zia. He is due to meet President Sadat at Aswan on Friday on his way back from Pakistan. It seems the Prime Minister may find General Zia favourably inclined to the Egyptian President's peace initiative, although Pakistan's official position has been closer to that of the "hard-liners".

Nuclear proliferation will also be discussed. Pakistan is currently trying to persuade France to go ahead with the supply of a nuclear reprocessing plant in a form which would produce pure plutonium. General Zia said tonight that Pakistan, "unlike India", would accept strict international controls.

Of the belief of Mr Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, that the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain could sign a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty within 18 months, the general remarked: "From my experience that is not realistic."

Before he left for Pakistan, Mr Callaghan urged British businessmen in Bombay to take advantage of an Indian Government which was anxious to buy more from Britain.

The businessmen said afterwards that they were heartened to hear the British Government had not forsaken them for Europe. But they expressed scepticism about obtaining orders on the "shopping list" Mr Desai gave Mr Callaghan and complained of difficulties for foreign firms wanting to introduce new technology.

Victory in sight for Korchnoi

Belgrade, Jan 11.—Viktor Korchnoi had a slight advantage when the eighteenth game of his chess match against Boris Spassky was adjourned tonight.

His supporters predicted that he would win the game when it is resumed today and with it the match and the right to challenge Anatoly Karpov, the world champion. "Unless he makes a mistake, he has got it", Raymond Keene, his British second, said.

Spassky, trailing 7½—9½ in the 20-game contest, tried to upset Korchnoi by appearing suddenly wearing a white tennis eyeshade. Spectators booed him later when he chided Korchnoi for not offering a draw. In fact Korchnoi did offer a draw at one stage, but Spassky was away from the board and did not answer.

These were the moves of the seventeenth game won by Korchnoi:

Korchnoi white, Spassky black. Queen's Indian defence:

1	P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	Kt-KB3	P-QKt3
4	P-KKt3	B-Kt2
5	Q-R4	B-Kt2
6	Kt-B3	O-O
7	B-Kt2	R-Kt2
8	O-O	P-Q4
9	PxP	PxP
10	Q-Q	Kt-R3
11	R-Q1	R-Kt1
12	P-B4	P-B4
13	PxP	BxP
14	Kt-Kt5	Q-B1
15	B-Kt5	Kt-K5
16	KtxB	QKtxKt
17	R-K1	Kt-Kt1
18	Q-K1	Kt-K2
19	Q-R5	Q-K2
20	KR-QB1	Q-K2
21	QxQ	RxQ
22	R-Q2	P-R4
23	B-R5	K-Kt2
24	R-Q3	P-QR3
25	R-K5	P-QKt4
26	QR-QB1	QR-Kt1
27	B-B1	P-Kt5
28	B-B7	R-R3
29	B-Q4	B-R5
30	P-R7 ch	K-Kt3
31	P-R7	R-Kt1+-K2
32	RxR	RxR
33	R-B2	P-R5
34	P-Kt5	P-Kt6
35	PxP	PxP
36	R-R6	RxR
37	KxR	R-Kt2
38	K-K2	P-R4
39	P-B5	Kt-Kt4
40	R-B5	R-Q5
41	R-Kt5	Kt-K5
42	RxKtP	R-Q1 ch
43	PxKt	R-QB2
44	K-Q3	R-B8
45	R-Kt5	R-Q8 ch
46	K-K3	R-Kt1 ch
47	K-B3	R-Kt7
48	P-R3	R-B5
49	P-QKt4	R-QKt7
50	K-B5	K-Kt6
51	P-B4	K-R7
52	K-K6	K-Kt5
53	RxP	RxKtP
54	K-B6	R-B3
55	K-K6	R-Kt3
56	R-R2	R-Kt8
57	P-Kt6	RxPch
		—UPI.

Ivory Coast praised for its freedom

From Charles Hargrove,
Abidjan, Jan 11

President Giscard d'Estaing and his wife were given an enthusiastic and colourful welcome when they arrived here this morning in the Concorde for a five-day state visit.

In his speech at the airport, M Giscard d-Estaing praised the Ivory Coast for showing what could be achieved by a country through development, freedom and democracy.

"You have proved that it is possible to escape from the curse of underdevelopment in the framework of a free economy", he said. "France is honoured to have made a contribution to its men and resources to your national effort."

On its two-hour, 20-mile route to the presidential palace, the official procession travelled along a great triumphal way, doubled in width for the occasion and completed only yesterday, through the popular quarter of Treichville and along the edge of the lagoons, dominated by tall modern office blocks. Fire-boats played their hoses in the air.

Canadian seal hunters win propaganda victory

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 11

The sealers of Newfoundland won a short-term propaganda victory at a press conference here today when they were able to show that many of the allegations made against them were ill-informed or deliberately mendacious.

One scientist, describing the way mother seals react to the loss of their pups, was interrupted by a woman shouting "What about the tears?" He produced the crushing response that seals have no tear ducts and cannot weep. The "tears", he said, flow continuously.

Another spokesman produced a photograph put out by the Greenpeace Foundation, which tries to stop seal hunting. It shows two people and a seal on the ice, and is captioned "Greenpeace volunteer protects large pup from killer".

The alleged killer is apparently a woman, certainly not a sealer, and might well, as the spokesman claimed, be another Greenpeace volunteer.

However, on television, these events appear very differently. All the networks have films in their archives showing the slaughter of seals every March. It is a horrible sight.

Mr Frank Moores, the Premier of Newfoundland, was asked whether his propaganda campaign in the United States might not therefore be counter-productive. He said that men could take only a certain amount of slander and innuendo, and the people of Newfoundland had had enough. It was a vigorous performance.

The Premier was supported by veterinarians, fishery experts and others. One of them was Mr Tom Hughes, a Canadian, who has been fighting cruelty to animals for 25 years.

He denounced the hypocrisy of countries which protest against Newfoundland's seal hunt while permitting the same thing on their own territory. Seal hunting was illegal in Britain, but Norwegian hunters were brought over to do it for the squeamish British.

The seal hunt is important to the economy and livelihood of the Newfoundland fishermen. About 2,000 Newfoundlanders take part every year and earn about $2,000 (about £1,050) each, out of a total average income of $7,000 a year.

Cape Horn tension grows

From Andrew Tarnowski
Buenos Aires, Jan 11

There are signs of mounting tension between Argentina and Chile, including military preparations by both countries, after reports here that Argentina will formally reject the arbitration award granting Chile three disputed southern islands off Tierra del Fuego.

Informed sources said the Foreign Ministry would summon the Chilean Ambassador and the British Chargé d'Affaires on January 25 to hand them Argentina's decision. Britain is involved because the British Crown appointed the arbitration tribunal in 1971, at the request of both countries.

Argentina's fleet is now on highly-publicized manoeuvres in the South Atlantic near the disputed Cape Horn islands.

Simultaneously, General José Vaquero, commander of the Argentine Fifth Army Corps based in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, is on a tour of all units "in order to check their capabilities".

Both countries have recalled their ambassadors for consultations.

A spokesman for the American State Department has expressed Washington's "preoccupation" with the dispute and indicated its readiness to mediate if called upon by the two countries.

Our Santiago correspondent writes: The movements of the Argentine Navy were given great prominence in the Chilean press. *Las Ultimas Noticias* carried the headline: "The Argentines move all their armament to the south—they are even taking missiles."

Whipping threat to Soweto teenage girls

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 11

Any black girl under the age of 18 found out of doors in the late evening and night in Soweto, the huge African township outside Johannesburg, will be whipped, according to a directive issued today by the township's Makgotla organization.

Makgotla, which has the tacit support of the white authorities, deals out rough justice on a tribal basis in Soweto.

Its move against Soweto's growing teenage problem came today in an attempt to cope with lawlessness that began with the school riots in June, 1976, and has increased immeasurably since the boycott of school classes developed.

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Former envoys attack Think Tank idea of home-based diplomats

By David Nicholson-Lord

The suggestion that British embassies abroad should rely more on visitors from London and less on staff resident overseas was strongly criticized yesterday by Sir Christopher Soames, the former British Ambassador to Paris.

Increased use of visitors was one of the main emphases in last summer's report on overseas representation by the Central Policy Review Staff, known as the "Think Tank". But it was described forthrightly by Sir Christopher as "beyond all mention".

"I cannot conceive how a person coming out from time to time to visit is going to have any influence on the country concerned", he added.

His criticisms were made to the defence and external affairs sub-committee of the Commons expenditure committee, which aims to complete its hearings on the report by the end of the month. Witnesses in the next three hearings will include Sir Kenneth Berrill, the head of the review staff, and Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary.

Both Sir Christopher and Sir Fred Warner, the former British Ambassador to Tokyo and now a director of several exporting companies, laid great emphasis yesterday on the need for embassies to build up close relationships with local governments through "informal" methods, such as entertaining.

Sir Fred also criticized what he described as the review staff's finding that there was insufficient expertise in the Diplomatic Service to cope with overseas export promotion.

He said he spent 95 per cent of his time in Tokyo on commercial and financial matters. Most of the expertise available in Britain on export promotion now lay with the Foreign Service. Increased specialization had been brought about by the nature of diplomatic work.

While both witnesses implied that there was scope for reductions in overseas information staffs, as suggested in the report, they defended the BBC and the British Council, two other candidates for economies.

Later, Professor James Barber, who holds the chair of political science at the Open University, told the committee that while he agreed with many of the report's more detailed findings, he questioned its wider premises.

The philosophy underlying the report lacked idealism and challenge, he commented, portraying a world-weary Britain aspiring at best to be a "poor man's Japan".

"To many outsiders Britain now appears too introspective, too corry for itself, too ready to cry poverty and too willing to avoid involvement in international affairs. This review will strengthen these views."



James Robison (left) and Max Dunlap at the court where they were sentenced to death in the gas chamber.

Two to die for murder of reporter

Phoenix, Arizona, Jan 11.—Two men have been sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the murder of Don Bolles, a reporter, killed when a bomb wrecked his car while he was investigating allegedly fraudulent land deals involving Arizona politicians.

Max Dunlap, aged 48, a contractor, and James Robison, aged 55, a plumber, had both pleaded not guilty.

After a four-month trial, they were found guilty last November mainly on the evidence of Mr John Harvey Adamson, a former lorry driver, who said that Mr Dunlap had hired Mr Robison and himself to kill Mr Bolles, Mr Bruce Babbitt, the Arizona Attorney-General, and Mr Alex Lizanetz, a former advertising man.

Mr Bolles's car was destroyed by a remote-control bomb outside a hotel in Phoenix in June, 1976.

Mr Adamson, who pleaded guilty to second degree murder for his part in the killing, was jailed for 20 years in January, last year. He admitted having placed the bomb which, he said, Mr Robison had detonated.

Defence lawyers said that appeals against the death sentences could take up to two years.—Reuter.

US inquiry into British anding device claim

rom David Cross

/ashington, Jan 11

A congressional subcommittee to investigate British claims at the United States aviation uthorities used misleading formation to secure interna- nal support for an American ircraft landing device in pre- rence to a British-developed stem

The allegations are also being amined by the General ccounting Office, the congres- nal investigative agency.

The dispute, which has been usually long and acrimonious, nres on a tentative decision the International Civil Avia- n Organization (ICAO) to opt the American-built advanced weather system known as SB (time reference scanning am) as the international air- ft landing system of the ure.

An international group of perts appointed by the ICAO ed overwhelmingly in favour the TRSB over the equally phisticated British Doppler tem. Both devices employ crowaves rather than radio ves to guide aircraft safely the ground.

The British maintain that a provided by Lincoln boratories, an offshoot of the bly respected Massachusetts titute of Technology, to the erican Federal Aviation ministration was highly sed in favour of TRSB. Lincoln Laboratories was selected as a neutral technical resource to carry out computer tests on the two competing devices because of the lack of existing hardware at the time.

The British also suspect that the TRSB system has run into technical problems which the American authorities are trying to hide. They believe the Doppler system is more efficient and in the long-run cheaper than the American variant.

The Federal Aviation Administration and Lincoln Laboratories deny the British charges, but the subcommittee on government activities and transportation of the House of Representatives now feels that the charges are sufficiently serious to merit a full-scale inquiry.

Mr John Burton, the subcommittee's Democrat chairman, said: "It is vital to explore the controversy now, to clear the air if you will, because American integrity is at stake. Our future relations with the international aviation community are also on the line."

The subcommittee has invited representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration, Lincoln Laboratories and the British Government to testify at the hearing, which is due to open here on January 31.

The British have not yet decided whether to attend.

landestine sue of poems bout Chou

eking, Jan 11.—The first wn clandestinely published inese literary work turned up Peking on the second anniver- y of the death of Chou En-lai, former Prime Minister.

t bore witness to a struggle certain political-literary les for the official circula- t of a collection of poems tten to commemorate Mr u. Many of the poems were t displayed at a meeting to homage to him which ended riots at the Square of ivenly Peace in 1976.

ig character posters put up Changan Avenue in the city tre overnight on Sunday, ost of which were quickly ed down—said that four ions of the collection had prepared.—Agence France-sse.

Mr Park signs undertaking to testify on bribes

Seoul, Jan 11.—Mr Tongsun Park, the South Korean businessman who has been accused of bribery, today signed an undertaking to give evidence in any American trials arising from alleged Korean influence-buying in the United States Congress.

The signing follows an agreement last month between the United States and South Korea, under which an American grand jury indictment against Mr Park on 34 counts of bribery, fraud and other charges was to be dismissed if he agreed to give evidence.

The interrogation of Mr Park, a rice dealer formerly based in Washington, is due to begin on Friday in the presence of two United States Congress observers.—Reuter.

NEW BOOKS

Change of spirit

The British in Germany
Educational Reconstruction after 1945
Edited by Arthur Hearnden
(Hamish Hamilton, £8.50)

Ten million copies of *Mein Kampf* had vanished into the earth. Seventeen million refugees (according to one figure quoted here) were pouring West. In the British Zone there was roughly one teacher for every 65 children, and most of those would have retired within the next decade. Ninety per cent of all school buildings in Cologne had been destroyed. There had been military and civil defeats as total, but never a reconstruction, quite like this before. "It is doubtful", writes one of the contributors to this symposium, *whether at any time in history had any nation victorious in war has claimed among the spoils of its victory the right to remodel the traditional attitudes of its enemy according to its own and has deliberately set out to do so by peaceful means and within the law.*

Not only were the British doing these things in Germany, the Russians, Americans and French were doing them, too. The shared first aim of all four Powers—to obliterate entirely the National Socialist impulse—was as general as the methods and degrees of aggressiveness varied. The Russians were single-minded, the French colonialist, the Americans crusading. These comparative forms of cultural axe-grinding are not, however, the subject of *The British in Germany*, whose title speaks for itself (except that it is confined to educational reconstruction) and arises from a conference held at St Edmund's Hall, Oxford, two years ago, under the chairmanship of Sir Robert Birley. There are 16 contributors.

The result is sternly educationist in tone, not uniformly well written, and sometimes unnecessarily dry in manner, for the subject is a most human one of wide appeal, not only embracing a unique and largely harmonious chapter of Anglo-German relations, but also affecting the course of Germany and Europe to this day. "What was really needed in Germany after the war", writes Sir Robert in his own article, "was the development of a sense of personal responsibility for the affairs of State". Most visitors to the Federal Republic, and certainly to Berlin, between 1965 and 1975, could feel that this lesson of responsibility had been extremely well digested at the very moment when the British themselves were in process of forgetting it. Politically, we have become the dunces.

After the end of the Second World War, the process of healing began almost at once—one of the first concerts I ever attended was given by the Berlin Philharmonic in Belle Vue, Manchester, in 1946, an event that would have been unthinkable in 1919—and the new education of Germany's children was viewed with great sympathy not only by men like Birley, Educational Adviser to the Military Governor from 1947 to 1949, and Lindsay, the Master of Balliol, but also by Churchill and Montgomery himself.

Told almost entirely from the British side—the one exception is dramatically provoking—the history emerging from *The British in Germany* is one of British flexibility and limitless Anglo-German goodwill. All the contributors speak of British respect for the great German traditions in scholarship and educational reform, and of the British desire, denazification apart, to let the Germans decide the future of their educational system themselves. British initiative was perhaps greatest in adult education, where its effects were most long-lasting and profound.

Since Britain's historic pragmatism is currently under fierce intellectual attack in this country, where it is becoming equated with laziness and lack of principle, it is a pleasure to read of one fairly recent occasion when it succeeded in placing the right priorities first—in this case a working resumption of human contact and normal life—and of one context where, in direct, individual and imaginative terms, it so clearly worked.

A pleasure, that is, until one reads the last article, "A Retrospective View from the German side" by Hellmut Becker, much the liveliest in the book, in which, by a series of opinions playfully veiled as rhetorical questions, Professor Becker takes the British to rask for not taking a stronger line between 1945 and 1949. He believes we should have forced the defeated Germans to adopt more radical reforms in schools and universities, that we should not have allowed our own priceless mobility to be slowed down by the German academics' unworldly devotion to hierarchy. The restoration of the status quo of Weimar was not the answer; the true reforms were delayed until the 1960s, by which time they had become infinitely more dangerous to effect.

The British in Germany would have been a better book if it had allowed more space to German views and memories of the occupation, but it is intended, I presume, chiefly as a record of the St Edmund's conference, and as such it makes a valuable, if sober, first step on to what will surely become an exciting field of European human historiography from now on.

Michael Ratcliffe

Holds barred

Journey into Journalism
By Arnold Wesker
(Writers & Readers Publishing Co-operative, £3.50).

It is a pity that Arnold Wesker begins his journalistic debut with a sneering anecdote about the Times Diary reporter who phones to ask him the "odd gossipy question" and then "invents" a cliché of a quote. It's not just that it's an easy gibe. I happen to know the reporter in question and he assures me that Wesker is mistaken.

You may prefer to believe the Wesker version but I don't, because in any argument of this kind I tend to believe the journalist. Many people would disagree, arguing that the one person in a position to know what he said is the man who said it. Not necessarily so. If I am suddenly telephoned and asked a whole sequence of unexpected questions by a journalist I am most unlikely to be able to recall exactly what I said. My interrogator, will be scribbling down or taping my every word. He is demonstrably the better witness. For this same reason I prefer Wesker's portrait of *The Sunday Times* to the protestations of the journalists.

The question is at the root of the *sturm* and *drang* surrounding this essay. It is the result of a prolonged visit to *The Sunday Times* during which the author was allowed to wander about the building, listening and watching wherever he went. Permission was granted on the understanding that he was researching a play, but eventually he admits: "Secretly I hope to produce an inspired piece which the editor can't resist or feels challenged to print. The wish to write a major piece of journalism has been nagging me for some time now—perhaps this will be it."

It is ironic that the crusading journalists of that great, investigative, fearless, no-holds-barred paper should have held up publication for several years because they didn't like it. It's either very sad or very funny that their objections should so exactly mirror those of most journalists' victims: distortion, misrepresentation, lack of proper research and, above all, gaining the information under false pretences. You can almost hear them moaning: "But he seemed such a nice young man. I thought he was on our side."

Not that it is an especially cruel account, nor particularly innaccurate. I was at the paper for a couple of years, though that was well before the Wesker visitation and I never enjoyed his privileged treatment. Characters (none named) and atmosphere are immediately recognisable and many of his observations are spot on. For instance "Journalists do enjoy talking with each other even though they frequently don't listen to each other. The stream of words is exuberant and endless. They remind me of those barrack-room lawyer types one met in the forces—full of opinions about everything, everyone, everywhere."

The account of the Insight operation seems to have given particular offence and it is obviously selective, opinionated, even one-sided. That's journalism. Maybe sometimes even Insight. Wesker's impression that, in one case, "an unsuspecting professional citizen, culpable no doubt, is being gunned for" coupled with references to the smelling of blood and the unleashing of hounds might well offend the investigative journalists about whom it is written. Yet it is an impression I've had too. I don't believe there is a journalist anywhere who doesn't experience a sense of excitement at the beginning of a chase—an excitement which can easily interfere with objectivity and which can lead to the hounding of the innocent.

Some of the journalists spent some of the time sending themselves up (some journalists do that constantly and effortlessly anyway) and perhaps Wesker is inclined to take that a shade too literally. But essentially this is a good, provocative piece of journalism given an added piquancy because it shows the biter being bit.

Tim Heald

Curse those fig-leaves

Shelley
A Voice Not Understood
By Timothy Webb
(Manchester University Press, £11.95)

If one had to pick out a single sentence from Shelley's work to penetrate the clouds of misunderstanding that still hang decorously about his writings and reputation, one might do worse than his throwaway line in front of the statues in the Uffizi, *viz*: "Curse these fig leaves! why is a round tin thing more decent than a cylindrical marble one?" Impossible for any sort of angel to have said *that*; and, on reflection, very much the wise-crack of an intense young intellectual well used to provoking mixed company (the remark is almost exactly contemporary with Jane Austen's *Persuasion*).

Dr Webb's Shelley is this young intellectual in the privacy of his own study, grappling with the problems of the world, and for the most part serious. He is as much the essayist as the poet, indeed something of the young don, addressing himself to the hottest issues of his troubled times; revolutionary political commitment; the social function and responsibility of the artist; the nature of religious belief—or as Shelley would say—the "unextinguishable thirst for immortality"; the influence of Greek and pre-Christian culture; and the impact of science, on both the physical and metaphysical interpretation of reality—those "bright vibrations of the pool".

This very capacity to grapple closely with ideas, to observe and analyse in detail, to pounce on logical failings, to seize on analogies between one intellectual discipline and another (and the characteristic velocity of these proceedings) is perhaps Webb's most valuable contribution to the continuing reassessment of this Romantic voice. He shows that Shelley was enormously widely read (Sir Humphry Davy to the Vedic Hymns), passionately inquisitive about contemporary knowledge in a way that makes Lord Byron look quite homespun, and strikingly modern in the whole caste of his sceptical, impatient, but anxious, approach to life. He can no longer, as Webb puts it in a moment of permitted levity, be dismissed "as a kind of spiritual Houdini forever trying to find a quick way of escaping from the inconvenient box of flesh".

Dr Webb distrusts Shelley's biographers on principle (though he has learnt from them in practice, notably Kenneth Cameron's wonderful *Shelley: the Golden Years* 1974), and the general reader should be warned that his method is largely critical, darting rapidly through Shelley's writings into every corner and time-zone of his career. These fascinating ransackings include several previously unpublished prose fragments from the Bodleian Manuscript notebooks, among which there is a revealing paragraph on atheism which links up with Trelawny's famous (and supposed apocryphal) Shelleyan outburst: "I took up the word (Atheist) as a knight took up a gauntlet, in defiance of injustice".

Indeed the whole discussion of that unlikely combination, Shelley and Religion, especially in the chapter entitled "Christian Mythology", is surprising and original. It leads to a fine re-reading of the "Ode to the West Wind", during which Webb throws out among other ideas: that the poem is based on the same text as part of Handel's *Messiah*, "for the trumper shall sound and the dead shall be resurrected"; that Shelley differs from the Authorized Version in believing that "the agent of resurrection is female"; and that the opening image of those stricken October leaves, sends Shelley back—in Webb's sympathetic words—"from the woods by the Arno to the huddled and disease-ridden population of the cities . . a process which springs from Shelley's essential *humanitas*, his inescapable need to associate himself with human suffering". It is certainly a Shelley worth understanding.

A pity perhaps, in the light of all this, and in the shadow of the general reader, that Dr Webb's account of the longer poems — especially "The Triumph of Life"—is rather desultory; and that no general thesis is allowed to emerge from the book as a whole (hence perhaps the teutonic mumble of the subtitle). Or, from another angle, that Shelley's position among his contemporary artist-intellectuals both in England and Europe slips by with passing references to Turner, Goethe, and Rousseau. I could also have done with a little more in the general area of Shelley's attitude to tin fig leaves.

Richard Holmes

All in the family

Philippa Toomey

Haywire
By Brooke Hayward
(Cape, £4.95)

Mother was Margaret Sullavan, a talented and much beloved actress. Father was Leland Hayward, agent to Henry Fonda, Garbo, Gene Kelly, Judy Garland, all the starriest names in Hollywood, and later to be a very successful theatrical producer. They were happily married for 10 years, had two daughters, Brooke and Bridget and a son, Bill. Or, as Brooke said at the funeral of her 21-year-old sister: *I'm the daughter of a father who's been married five times. Mother killed herself. My sister killed herself. My brother has been in a mental institution. I'm 23, and divorced with two kids.*

It is a story of compelling power, a love story which went completely wrong. Leland Hayward loved the wheeling and dealing of the agent's life, never happier than when lying on a sofa in his office, conducting business on three or four telephones at once. Margaret Sullavan hated this side of him, and did extraordinary things like banning the use of the telephone at home, and removing herself and the children from California, where his business was, to a farm in Connecticut. Their friends were unable to understand it. Hayward was a very attractive man, who loved women. Margaret Sullavan went to England for six months to appear in a play, and following a particularly public infidelity on his part, divorced him.

The golden years of childhood in California seemed like an idyll—playing with the little Fondas, whose lives and careers so strangely matched their own—Mother had, in fact, been married to Henry Fonda, and also, they discovered by reading old press cuttings books, to William Wyler, though nobody had thought it worth mentioning. Father had also been married twice before, to the same woman, and was to marry twice more after his divorce from Mother. Mother married again, too. The children were cruelly torn, lived with mother, visited father, and from being pretty, happy children, grew into awful adolescents, rude, wild, tiresome and unmanageable. Nobody had the time to cope.



Brooke Hayward

One of the professional hazards of the acting profession is the feeling that everyone must love you. Margaret Sullavan could not manage Brooke, Bridget or Bill. Brooke got the silent treatment from her mother, sometimes for as long as a week, until she had apologized "properly" for her wrongdoings. Bridget was despatched to a mental institution—there was clearly something very wrong with her. Bill also spent some years of his youth in a mental institution for no good reason that is discernible from the book, apart from the fact that he was a perfect nuisance and no school would keep him.

Bridget, who kept her medical history from her family, apart from telling her sister that she had epilepsy, which she had been told was getting more and more serious, leading to longer and longer periods of complete catatonia, killed herself. It is impossible to tell, of course, but it sounds less like epilepsy than catatonic schizophrenia.

Brooke never gave in. She has written a book that is without rancour towards either of her charming, fascinating, amusing and selfish parents (both of whom are now dead) and seems to have arrived at a true and tender understanding of their lives and characters. Not all is sweetness and light; a sharp pen and a sharp wit etch unflattering portraits of life in Hollywood and New York and Greenwich, Conn., though one feels considerable sympathy for Pamela Churchill, former wife of Randolph, and Leland Hayward's fifth wife, who replaced an earlier, much loved stepmother, and was tolerated but not liked. It is a tragic story of waste, misunderstanding, and human frailty, beautifully told.

The translator of *The Musicians of Auschwitz* reviewed by Derek Parker last week, is Judith Landry.

Less than justice

The Time Has Come: The Memoirs of Dennis Wheatley. Volume II: Officer and Temporary Gentleman 1914-1919
(Hutchinson, £5.95)

"Many years were to pass before I became on Christian name terms with four Dukes", writes Mr Wheatley with reference to an incident during his Great War service. A little joke? Not at all. It is all part of a consistent snobbery that—along with regular bragging about amorous exploits—first irritates and then becomes positively endearing as it turns a caricature into reality. Here, for example, is a combination of the two elements; a gem concerning dalliance with a young woman whose husband was out working: *After tea we became extremely friendly on the sofa. But for some time past my greatest fears had been either getting myself trapped into marrying a girl beneath me socially or being cited as a co-respondent.*

The weeks that the young Wheadey spent as an artillery officer in the morass and muddle of the French and Flemish battlefields entitle him to the immense respect deserved by those who shared that filthy nightmare; but there are dozens of more evocative accounts, and in the event military action takes up a relatively small part of these memoirs. The narrative is more interesting and instructive in its animated descriptions of the social scene—military, civilian and conglomerate — between 1914 and 1919. Away from the combat zones the high life continued for officers of the right class, who enjoyed their war as much as civilians out of the top drawers. Mr Wheatley's calm assumption that this was the natural and divine order of things—a concept obviously shared by most of his peers and contemporaries — makes one wonder how a duplicate (or a forerunner) of the October Revolution was avoided in Britain.

The author takes a simplistic view of strategy, reissuing a melange of venerable platitudes about the events and directors of the Great War as if he were presenting a new Book of Revelation. And he demands the affection we extend to a precocious yet appealing child when he compares himself variously to Winston Churchill and General Patton. There must anyway have been something especially nice about a man who could blow the gaff on the subject of the Noble Horse: *It is, of course, the stupidity of the horse that makes it dangerous. It is far stronger than it has the sense to realise, and so silly as to be in an almost perpetual state of fright, except when in the hands of somebody to whom it is well accustomed . . . liable to lash out at any unforeseen moment upon such small provocation as a sudden gesture intended for somebody a hundred yards away.*

This is the second of five volumes of Dennis Wheatley's memoirs, and was presumably meant to coincide with his eighty-first birthday this month, which he has not survived to celebrate. It is to be hoped that the rest is not so dominated as this by the vain and the superficial that do less than justice to the pen that produced *Black August* (to name just one novel much under-rated so far by literary assessors). Perhaps someone will do a better job with a biography—for there must be more to such a writer than this meringue of a life.

Laurence Cotterell

Heroic and horrific

Orkneyinga Saga
The History of the Earls of Orkney
Translated by Hermann Palsson and Paul Edwards
(Hogarth Press, £7.50)

Busy with this dromond business, our blades we blooded on the blacks— that was something like butchery!

Earl Rognvald the Holy was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, but he did not allow the circumstances to stifle his muse or inhibit his natural gusto. Having spent a few agreeable weeks on the coast of France, where he found Queen Ermingerd of Narbonne *. . . a slender delight to grasp and to cuddle,* he and his men paused again in the Mediterranean to slaughter almost everybody on the dromond, a Saracen merchant ship, before drinking and swaggering their way, spouting verses all the time, to Constantinople, Durazzo, Rome, Norway, and so home to their remote and tumultuous homeland of Orkney.

This was the Viking way, and the Orkneyinga Saga, the twelfth or thirteenth century narrative here most compellingly translated from the Icelandic, tells the story of the Norwegian Earls of Orkney, from the ninth to the twelfth centuries, with every permutation of the poetic, the heroic and the horrific. Its effect is one of dreadful immediacy: it comes as a very nasty shock to realize that within the perimeters of our own islands, well within the period of recorded history, these frightful people were raging here and there, slaughtering and looting all over the place, and providing indeed, if only laterally, an alarming ancestry for our own dear Queen.

It is true that from time to time a lyric line softens the barbarity—true too that the chief memorial of the Vikings of Orkney is the splendid cathedral of St Magnus at Kirkwall, which is actually dedicated to the least awful of the Earls. But the theme of the saga is terrible indeed, for these are ruffians without much honour. They betray each other constantly, they lie, cheat and torture, and seem to inhabit a perpetual nightmare world of greed and ambition.

Except . . . I have to admit that now and then there overcame me, during the reading of this fascinating work, shameful spasms of attraction. How bold they were! What admirable pirates! What fun they had, after all, a-raiding down the Irish coast, over to Wales to battle with Huw the Stout, back to Norway to cock a snook at the King! What panache they possessed, at least, Erling Wry-Neck, Einar Wry-Mouth, Thorarin Belly-Shaker and all the rest! A lifetime in practice with Thorfinn the Skull-Splitter would have been arid indeed, and it is astonishing to contemplate that often enough these men of blood considered themselves warriors of Jesus the Gentle. As Earl Rognvald the Holy said himself,

Christ helped us crimson the carrion, the dark -blue bodies, piled black on the deck.

If there is a lesson in the saga for us, it is perhaps this: that almost its only entirely sympathetic figure is the Saracen commander of that dromond, who behaved not only like a prince and a soldier, but actually like a gentleman too.

Jan Morris

The Royal Baccarat Scandal
The Rt Hon Sir Michael Havers, QC
Edward Grayson and Peter Shankland
A blow by blow account of the scandal that shook the throne. "Enthralling reading". *The Times. Illustrated: £7.50*

No Mitigating Circumstances
The Hon Sir Neville Faulks
Formerly one of Her Majesty's Judges
"Hilariously entertaining autobiography". *The Sunday Express. Illustrated: £5.50*

Kitchener Architect of Victory
George H. Cassar
"An outstanding biography rich in material from new sources". A. J. P. Taylor in *The Observer* *Illustrated: £9.95*

The Race for Trieste
Sir Geoffrey Cox
The last battle of WWII and the first of the cold war. "Described . . . with gusto and eye for detail". *The Spectator. £5.95*

WILLIAM KIMBER

Quick guide

Artaud and After
By Ronald Hayman
(Oxford, £6 & £2.25).

Actor, director, and theorist of the avant-garde theatre, Antonin Artaud (1896-1948) was for some time a leading figure in the Parisian Surrealist movement, but succumbed to opium addiction, and after an ecstatic pilgrimage through Mexico, returned to spend eight years in French provincial mental asylums, where he lost among other things all his teeth.

Briefly rehabilitated after the Second World War, through the kindness and support of Gide, Picasso, Jean-Louis Barrault, André Breton and others, he eventually became one of the most widely exported of the Latin Quarter cult-figures; his influential letters and manifestos concerning the so-called Theatre of Cruelty were collected in *Le Théâtre et Son Double* (1944), but he has been frequently and rather conveniently described as an artist without an oeuvre.

Ronald Hayman's intriguing study, while showing perhaps too much respect for good old-fashioned insanity (even the Dublin police put Artaud back on the boat in a strait-jacket), does establish his significance beyond the purely theatrical. First, as an interpreter of the French nineteenth-century tradition of the *poètes maudits* (Poe, Nerval, Baudelaire, Lautréamont, Rimbaud); and second, as a striking premonition of the counter-culture of the 1960s—a prophet of the Happening, the Living Theatre, the interest in anthropology, Tarot and other occult systems, and the alternative psychology of R. D. Laing.

A sympathetic portrait of this outré personality, which considerably extends many of the themes touched on in Martin Esslin's excellent introductory monograph in the Fontana Modern Masters series (1976). One Artaud dictum to meditate on: the human body dies only when we have forgotten how to transform it (*Le Théâtre et la Science*, posthumous, 1954).

R.H.

PARLIAMENT, January 11, 1978

Motion on judge ruled to be in order

House of Commons

The motion on the Commons Order Paper in the names of Labour backbencher MPs calling on the Lord Chancellor to remove from office Judge Neil Nairn McKinnon, QC, is clearly entirely within order. The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) gave that ruling after Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) had raised the matter with him as a point of order.

Mr Ridley said that he had studied Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice* and it was clear there that MPs might criticize a member of the judiciary on a substantive motion in relation to his conduct.

I call attention to the word "conduct" (he said) because it is in relation to conduct that such criticism may be made. We know that the reason for the ban on comment on decisions of the judiciary is that we, in this House, do not seek to interfere in judicial judgments, in the operation of the law or the courts.

It is clear that if a substantive motion is put down for the dismissal of a judge simply because of a specific judgment, and the criticism is not against that judge over a period of years, but against a specific judgment, he has given, this is criticism of the operation of the judiciary and not of conduct of a judge.

If Judge McKinnon had incurred criticism because of his personal or private behaviour over a long period, that would be a proper procedure for the House to adopt, but it is clear it is not the case. This motion relates, not to the conduct of the judge as a whole but to one specific judgment with which MPs do not agree.

I submit that it is an abuse of the procedures of the House and a matter of such fundamental importance that it should be referred to the Committee on Procedure because it will be possible to hector or bully or to criticize or threaten with dismissal by the means employed in this motion on any occasion that the judgment of a judge does not meet with the favour of MPs in any part of the House.

This leads to an assumption that this House can decide whether the decisions of judges are to their liking or not. This is in fundamental conflict with the doctrine I enunciated, that we should leave to the judiciary the interpretation of the law. Whether right or wrong is not the point; it is implied criticism of the judge in coming to a decision in a race relations case which is within the memory of the House, when there is no ground, of course, for us to criticize him.

He asked the Speaker to consider what he had said and hoped that he would consider it worthy of his review and that they might conclude it would be a wise move to refer the complaint he made to the procedure committee so that full thought could be given to the important constitutional issues involved. (Conservative cheers.)

The Speaker said that clearly the motion was entirely within order. (Labour cheers.) If the House wished to refer this to the procedure committee, it must do so by motion and with appropriate debate.

Tory fails in attempt to alter closed shop law

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) was refused leave by 184 votes to 162, majority against 22, to introduce the Closed Shop (Compensation for Wrongful Dismissal) Bill.

He said the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, provided for an employee to go to an industrial tribunal for redress against his employer if he had been dismissed unfairly. That Act provided that dismissal of an employee who objected to becoming a member of a trade union would be regarded as fair unless that employee objected to membership on the ground of religious belief or on any reasonable grounds.

The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Act, 1976, removed the protection of the 1974 Act in relation to "reasonable grounds" but retained the protection of religious belief. His Bill sought to restore the protection of "reasonable grounds" granted by the 1974 Act.

When the 1976 Act was introduced the Government did not understand how unfairly it would operate. No sooner was the Act on the statute book than British Rail embarked upon its programme of dismissing those who refused to join a union. In all 40 employees had been sacked, some of whom had served British Rail for decades.

No fair minded person could believe it right to dismiss men without compensation who had carried out their duties satisfactorily and whose sole offence, or presumed offence, was a reasonable objection to joining a union. That was a requirement which did not exist, and was never contemplated, when those men were first employed.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab) said the Grunwick dispute was about the right of workers to join a trade union if they wished, which was being denied them. Mr Gow had never spoken about the freedom of those workers, or any others, who wished to join a union.

It was crystal clear that the bleatings of Conservative MPs about the rights of individuals were fraudulent. The only freedom they sought was the freedom for unscrupulous employers to make the most profit they could in exchanges for low wages, poor working conditions and without having to contend with organized labour.

The Bill would benefit the free-loader who was prepared to accept the benefits won by the struggles and sacrifices of his colleagues but who was not prepared to contribute to the common fund. The medical and legal professions had established their own closed shops. It was noticeable that Mr Gow had not mentioned them.

Many employers as well as trade unionists preferred a closed shop as the agreement created a more stable bargaining agreement, the avoidance of inter-union dispute and a better chance that agreement procedures would be adhered to.

The Bill would wreck the prospect for wide ranging industrial agreements.

The life of money

Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of State, Treasury, in a written reply, said: The average life of a £1 note is 10 months, that of a £5 note 18 months, that of a £10 note two years and that of a £20 note two and a half years. A coin may be expected to have a life of at least 25 years.

MPs protest at lack of debate on Scotland Bill's money clauses

MPs protested that the key financial provisions of the Scotland Bill had gone undebated when the committee stage of the Bill was resumed under the guillotine procedure.

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Ebbw Vale, Lab) refused, however, to extend the time allocated for discussion.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) who raised the matter on a point of order, pointed out that as a result of the time devoted to yesterday's debate on an amendment by Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab), which was unexpectedly selected for discussion by the Chair, clauses covering the financial provisions, which were the guts of the Bill, went completely undiscussed. The House had not carried out its function.

During the exchanges Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) asked if there was a quorum for journalists.

There are only 13 of them in the Press Gallery (he said) and they are always complaining that there is no one on the floor of the House. (Labour cheers.)

The Chairman (Mr Oscar Murton)—The Chair has no official recognition of there being anyone in this committee except the members who are present.

Mr Maurice Macmillan (Farnham, C) suggested Mr Foot should put forward a motion extending the period for discussion by one day. There should be a general debate on the financial provisions of the Bill. They could not expect the country to take the Bill seriously if the House treated it in this frivolous way.

Mr Foot resisted the suggestion that the debate had been frivolous. He could not hold out any hope of an increase in the considerable time already allocated under the timetable motion.

Mr Macmillan—The country will regard it as frivolous that we have not debated the key financial provisions of a constitutional Bill when the most likely possibility of the Bill damaging the unity of the United Kingdom lies in the financial arrangements as between the devolved assembly and this House. (Cheers.) Mr Foot has aided and abetted this frivolous neglect of the dangers that lie ahead for this country.

Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L) said that Mr Foot should reconsider the matter and allocate extra time for debate.

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said there was a danger that the parliamentary scandal of yesterday would be repeated during the band of amendments which MPs were about to start discussing.

The band, which under the timetable resolution covered the best part of three days, included Schedule 10 which was a vital part of the Bill. It set out all the matters which were to be devolved, and some which were not to be devolved, to the proposed Scottish Assembly.

Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab) said he wondered whether it would meet some of the points if a stricter ruling could be applied on matters which were basically second reading points. A great deal of the speeches did involve such points.

The Chairman said he was bound by the resolution of the House and that was a matter which was not for the Chair. On the question of second reading points, where it was no concern of the Chair directly it could only pray rather than exhort.

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cambridgeshire, C), said the situation was unsatisfactory. Yesterday 18 clauses and one schedule were not debated. He knew there were difficulties and problems over guillotines but this was a procedure which was quite unacceptable and unjustifiable.

In their whole handling of this difficult and important matter the Government had in effect caused Parliament to let the United Kingdom down. Yesterday several matters now unamendable and undebatable in either House went through on the nod.

Mr Foot said he repudiated any suggestion that what happened yesterday was an unsatisfactory development in their debate. The Chair went out of its way to accommodate requests from the committee and the minister in charge of the Bill also did so. They were told no one was complaining about that but that was not exactly the tone in which Mr Pym was protesting.

They were carrying out the procedure that was accepted by the House and they should proceed upon those lines.

Because time was altered in the discussion yesterday because of the desire of the Chair and the Government to assist MPs that was not a reason for extending the amount of time allocated to the Bill as a whole.

MPs then resumed the committee stage of the Bill.

Flexibility wanted in housing standards

The Government would consult the local authority associations about the need to introduce greater flexibility into the application of the Parker Morris housing standards, Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said.

Mr Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington, C) had asked if he would abolish or revise the standards.

Mr Freeson (Brent, East, Lab)—We will not abolish the standards, but, as stated in the Green Paper on housing policy, we believe there is a need to introduce greater flexibility into their application and we will consult the local authority associations about this.

Mr Smith—*I am glad to hear that.* These standards were laid down as minimum ones, but more and more local authorities seem to be interpreting them as maximum ones.

In view of the difficulties, particularly of things like the need for alternative heating systems, will he do what he can to speed up this particular study?

Mr Freeson—I take the general point he makes and the specific example he has given is much in my mind.

I would like to see a system in which we provide for a range of options on standards and give greater flexibility to switch from one particular element of expenditure to another in different kinds of housing, and, if need be, give the authority to improve on heating if the council are prepared to forego other provisions.

We are still working on this and will be consulting about it.

Mr Arthur Blenkinsop (South Shields, Lab)—We must ensure that we do not, in this flexibility, encourage reductions of standards.

Mr Freeson—This is a great worry in any system of flexibility we introduce and I will bear it in mind. We must not, in introducing flexibility, risk a runaway erosion of standards. I intend to avoid that.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton, South, C)—They are the wrong standards. The present Parker Morris standards are increasing costs to tenants and local authorities. Is he saying he is going to have further discussions about this when there is concrete evidence and proposals for change that have been on the table for a long time?

Mr Freeson—Various views have been expressed about standards. He was taking a contrary view to that of his colleagues, suggesting the standards are too high and that there should be a general reduction. I would not accept that.

About three years' supply of land for housing available

The Government believed that there was about three years' supply of land which had planning permission and mains services available for housing development and there was a considerable further [illegible] which had not yet reached that stage, Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said.

Mr Timothy Sainsbury (Hove, C) had asked what representations the Secretary of State for the Environment had received about the forward supply of building land for housing.

Mr Freeson (Brent, East, Lab)—The message I get is that there is no general shortage but that there are some local and individual difficulties.

Mr Sainsbury—How does he reconcile his complacency with the view of the National Federation of Building Trade Employers that there is a danger of a serious shortage which requires immediate action to be taken.

Mr Freeson—I have heard these views expressed, not only by the NFBTE but also from others. They are usually general statements which are not sufficiently supported by any form of evidence.

We try to monitor as effectively as we can what is going on with land supply, servicing of land and planning applications that have been approved and it is on that basis I made my statement.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—The minister's figures are generalized rather than particularized in the industry. Is it not true that a large amount of land listed as available for building is land unsuitable for building or expensive and that there is going to be a considerable shortage of land for building at reasonable low cost for the general poulation to purchase their own homes?

Mr Freeson—I have little doubt that among some of the land that is zoned in various structure and local plans around the country there is land which will be considered difficult for development by private enterprise and local authorities.

But on the information that is available we believe, I understand, that there is about three years' supply of land available which has planning permission and has mains services available for development. There is a considerable further supply which has not yet reached that stage.

Cumulative build-up under community land scheme

The community land scheme was designed to allow for a cumulative build-up of action, and not for a sudden takeover of all land, Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said in reply to questions about the amount of land taken into public ownership by use of the Community Land Act.

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirlingshire, Lab)—The British total of only 2,000 acres and the Scottish total of 65 acres indicates that the Act so far has failed to bring about the radical and much needed change in the ownership of land. In view of the fact that far too much land is still owned by speculators, exploiters and people whose ancestors stole it, will he have a complete register of land ownership as a first steo towards extending public ownership of all land?

Mr Freeson—While I am in favour and will be pursuing the question of better land management, I would not say the setting up of such a register would be a first priority in moves to that end.

The setting up of the community land scheme and the Act upon which it is based was designed in such a way as to allow for the cumulative build-up of action under the Act and not to the sudden takeover of all land to which he has referred.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)—The amount of acreage resold in the first year of the land Act was 33 acres and the amount of circulars and ministerial directions issued by the Government in that time was 111.

Mr Freeson—I cannot confirm the precise figures. Whatever his views may be about the Act I would imagine that he would not expect that such a scheme would produce a balancing out of purchases and resales in the first 12 months of operation. It is a cumulative scheme and one must expect it to operate in that way.

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab)—There is bitter disappointment about the way this valuable Act has been watered down. (Conservative laughter.) They think it has gone too far. We do not think it has gone far enough.

Only 800 acres of housing land have been acquired, half of which would have been bought by the councils in any case. Will he implement the original plan as conceived and put forward in our election manifesto?

Mr Freeson—He and I are anxious to see the scheme operate as steadily and rapidly as possible. He is mistaken if he thinks the scheme is not operating as the Act required.

Mr Michael Heseltine, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment (Henley, C)—Would he prepare a register of all land in the cities owned by local authorities and nationalized industries in order that we may also see how much derelict and wasted land already in public ownership is adding to the blight of the urban areas?

Mr Freeson—There is a problem in a number of inner city areas. We are intending to take, and have already taken, action with regard to first priority inner urban areas where we are establishing partnership authorities.

It is not simply a question of asking such authorities, and hopefully later on others, to look more carefully at the land holdings they have. It will be a question of looking at all the derelict land and property in those areas, some of which is held by public bodies, including local authorities, and some by private owners.

A change to kilometres ruled out for a long time

Mr Norman Fowler (Sutton Coldfield, C) asked the Secretary of State for Transport for a statement on the Government's position concerning any change in the unit of measurement from miles to kilometres.

Mr William Rodgers, in a written reply, said: There is no question of any change for a long time. A decision in principle to adopt the metric system was taken by the Government in 1968 and an obligation to do so was accepted under the Treaty of Accession to the EEC.

However, a move from miles to kilometres would be preceded by extensive consultation and a planning period of about five years would then follow. No review of the matter is required before the end of 1979 and I will not be making one sooner.

Mr Patrick Wall (Haltemprice, C) asked what was the estimated cost of changing Britain's signposts, milestones, guide books, car indicators, etc, from miles to kilometres.

Mr Rodgers, in another written reply, said: Changing road signs in Britain would cost £7m to £8m at current prices, including £6m to £7m to convert speed limit signs in one operation. No estimates have been made of other costs, many of which would depend on the length of the preparation period for any changeover.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Progress in committee on European Assembly Elections Bill.

Building societies have plenty to lend

Building societies had just abou twice as much money to lend as they had available in 1974 whe there was a mortgage famine, Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State fo the Environment, said during que tion time.

He told Mr John Wakeha (Maldon, C) that £255m would b available to local authorities i England in 1978-79 both for len ing and for improvement grants.

Virement provisions (he said will allow authorities to adju expenditure in each category t suit local needs. The buildin societies have agreed to provide a additional £267m under the su port lending scheme.

Mr Wakeham—Local authorit lending indicates a substantial cu over the 1974-75 figures, which in breach of the Labour Par manifesto of October that year.

It must affect harshly th poorest members of society wh look to the local authorities fo loans of that sort.

Mr Shore (Tower Hamlets, Ste ney and Poplar, Lab)—Th finances in 1974 were quite excep tional. It was a record in terms o local authority mortgage lendin This was for the simple reason tha there was a mortgage famin affecting the building societies as result of the failure of the gener management of monetary and fi cal policies in this country.

Today the building societie who are the principle source o lending in this country, have ju about twice as much money to len as they had available in 1974.

Mr Richard Crawshaw (Liverpoo Toxteth, Lab)—Is Mr Shore sa isfied the balance is right in th case? Many people on local auth ority housing lists will be forced t accept council housing unless the get the opportunity of a local auth ority loan.

Mr Shore—If I had sever hundred millions available I woul like to see some part of that mad available to local authorities fo lending. We have had to make choice in the housing allocatio and I have allocated money pr marily to ensure resource expend iture rather than financing.

There are vast alternativ sources of finance in the buildin societies. Through the buildin society support scheme which w have increased by an addition £100m this year, there is an add tional source available to thos people who would go to the loc authorities.

Funds withheld from project

Mr Anthony Steen (Liverpoo Wavertree, C) asked whether th Secretary of State for Employme would institute an immedia inquiry into how £60,000 w awarded by the Manpower Servic Commission to an Indian terrori group known for its practice o homosexuality and ritual murder.

Mr John Golding, Under Secretar in a written reply, said: I a informed by the Manpower Se vices Commission that suppo under the job creation programm for the Anand Marg's project Liverpool ran out at the end o 1977. In view of the disquiet abou the activities of this organization, have asked the Manpower Servic Commission not to sanction an further support for the project.

Minister explains why certain functions cannot be devolved

Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and E Lothian, Lab) moved an amendment to Clause 61 (Devolved matters) of the Scotland Bill to define a devolved matter in relation to the legislative competence of the Scottish Assembly as "all the current statutory duties, functions and obligations of the Secretary of State for Scotland and of the Scottish Office".

The particular issue which I am trying to raise (he said) is the question of the presentation in the Bill, and the extent in the Bill, of the devolved functions of the assembly.

It was an important feature of any good legislation that when people turned to it they were clear what the legislation was doing.

What we have here however (he said) is a reference in Clause 61 to a schedule which produces groups of functions some of which are devolved and some of which are retained. It would be hard for any student or interested member of the public who was concerned with Scottish or British government to go quickly through this and say clearly what section of the present powers of St Andrew's House were devolved and what sections were retained.

Was it possible to obtain a clear and more satisfactory division of those functions that were to be devolved and those that were not?

The logical distinction which would occur to most people was that if it made sense in the first place to devolve functions of the Secretary of State on the ground that this was a Scottish area of administration which was better not dealt with by Whitehall, but by Scottish civil servants and ministries operating from Edinburgh, then a prima facie case had been made out that this was the sort of thing that was better devolved to the Scottish Assembly.

It was extremely difficult intellectually to produce reasons why there was a disjuction between things that were sensibly to be administered and handled in Scotland, but not by a Scottish Assembly.

Later, Mr Mackintosh invited Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) to intervene if he wished to do so.

Mr Heffer—It is just that I am fascinated by the number of journalists present in the Press gallery. MPs have been criticized by journalists. There are now eight up there. Yesterday there were only three, after all the criticism about MPs not listening in this House and not discussing important constitutional matters.

Probably journalists go out, look in to see how many MPs there are and then go back and write their stories.

Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L) said it was obvious that a federal structure would be far and away the easiest manner of dealing with home rule. Did the Government envisage an endless series of amendments to the Bill as they discovered that it had not been got quite right? He would be surprised if under the present form of drafting it could be anything like complete.

Mr Heffer said he did not know how they could discuss any part of the Bill without raising the basic issue. At present they were being offered a sort of halfway house and halfway houses in politics were never satisfactory.

Three quarters of the powers of the Secretary of State for Scotland would be taken away. What would he be then? The Prime Minister or First Secretary in the assembly would be the important man and it would be to him that the Prime Minister in the British Parliament would listen to and talk with.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (Angus, North and Mearns, C) said they should have nothing at all or move towards a federal type structure for the United Kingdom. This was what motivated his amendments. They helped to pave the way for such a structure although they did have the demerit of providing a sort of halfway house.

Mr Leon Brittan, an Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cleveland and Whitby, C) said instead of a broad-based generous grant of powers on a limited number of subjects or a large number, as the case might be, or, alternatively, the other possible approach of reservation of a limited number of powers, they found the contrivance of a detailed catalogue of powers, some devolved, some partially devolved. There were even overriding reserve powers.

If a substantial amount of power was to be transferred there were certain essential criteria: the question of what power was to be transferred should be clear in expression; the transfer of power should be generous in conception and should avoid ambiguity to the maximum possible extent.

To proceed on the lines of the amendments would at least provide a logical, coherent politically workable basis.

Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (Lanark, North, Lab) said it would be wrong in principle to devolve agriculture, industrial and regional policy, the police and electricity supply.

With regard to agriculture, complications would arise over the fact that the EEC had a predominant influence in the development of agricultural policies. If agriculture was devolved the result would be the Minister of Agriculture would be representing the interests of the Scottish Assembly in agriculture when it was discussed within the EEC.

It would be difficult to devolve industrial and regional policy though it was desirable to decentralize the administration of applications for grants, as it was already. If it was devolved it would be difficult to maintain the cohesion of an integrated economy and be fair to all parts of the United Kingdom.

It would be wrong to devolve responsibility for the police because the Government felt that law and order should be the responsibility of the United Kingdom Parliament. Electricity supply should not be devolved because the Government believed in a common energy policy for the whole country.

It was best to specify what was to be devolved rather than to infer what was devolved. The presentation should be focused on what was devolved. That would permit greater accuracy. Parliament should know precisely what powers it had granted to the assembly. If the Government had adopted another approach he would have been deluged with complaints that it was not clear what was, or was not, devolved.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said they were bound at the very least for a federal state. There were only three choices—a federal state, the status quo, or the point of view represented by the SNP.

The two major law bodies in Scotland, the Faculty of Advocates and the Law Society, were concerned about the vagueness of the legislation.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East, Scot Nat) said that if the Bill became an Act the Secretary of State for Scotland would not occupy the position his predecessors had. His role as well as his duties would be changed. In time the Secretary of State as an office of state would wither away.

It would be desirable from the outset that the First Secretary of the Scottish Assembly should enter into a direct negotiating relationship with members of the Cabinet or with the Prime Minister.

Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C) said whatever method was used, these devolved powers would lead to a major loss of influence for Scotland.

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, South-West, C) said the Bill contained a confused offer of increased powers to a Scottish Assembly with the appearance of a national parliament. The assembly was offered the appearance of increased power while every attempt was made to retain the reality of power at Westminster, in controlling finance, economic policy or a multiplicity of internal matters which might affect external relations.

The confusion in this definition (he said) is an intentional confusion so that power in the last resort may remain here.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said the amendment sought to make a much more general and clear, broad sweep of devolved matters to the Scottish Assembly and executive.

If one believes in devolution as I do (he said), this amendment is valuable and constructive, and I would strongly endorse it.

Mr Mackintosh, replying to the debate, said that matters that had been sensibly devolved to the Scottish Office should sensibly be devolved politically and administratively to the Scottish Assembly.

I think it will be very unsatisfactory (he said) if we spent the next 15 years amending this Act, bit by bit. I want an Act which is generous and can be held as a resting place for Scottish politics on which we can build.

The amendment was rejected by 133 votes to 35—Government majority, 98.

BMA opposed to devolved health service

The Scottish branch of the British Medical Association were anxious that certain health matters should be removed from the provisions of the Bill, Sir John Gilmour (East Fife, C) said.

On Schedule 10 (Matters within legislative competence of Assembly and within powers of Scottish Executive) he moved an amendment to remove from the Bill preventica, treatment and alleviation of disease or illness including injury, disability and mental disorder; family planning; abortion; and investigation of maladministration.

He said the BMA wished the terms and conditions to remain on a United Kingdom basis and were worried that if devolvement were incorporated in the Bill, these would be prejudiced.

It was true that the NHS in Scotland already had a considerable measure of devolution.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab) said, generally speaking, there should be uniform health service provision through out the United Kingdom.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Edinburgh, West, C) said the British Medical Association felt that family planning and abortion were among particular subjects which could work effectively only on a United Kingdom basis. For instance, they feared that there might be different abortion laws in Scotland and England.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said there would be 150 assembly members, probably full time. What would they do in health unless they meddled with the regional boards? They could not be passing laws the whole time, chopping and changing and forever licensing and such things.

Sir David Renton (Huntingdonshire, C) said as the son of a Scottish doctor who qualified at a Scottish university and had clinical training at a London hospital he thought it would be a great pity if the present system for health was abandoned.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L) said while any assembly was likely to make mistakes it was difficult to contemplate as a serious argument the suggestion that it would pursue a conscious policy of lowering standards in the health service.

Mr Barry Ewing, Under Secretary, Scottish Office (Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth, Lab) said decisions on health affected people personally and it was for this reason that the Royal Commission on the Constitution selected the health service as a prime example of what should be devolved.

There was no danger to the medical teaching schools.

An assembly would not go for lower health standards.

The debate was adjourned.

Squalor and filth in cities getting worse

The filth and squalor in British cities was getting worse and people should apply their minds to it because it was an important environmental factor for the millions of people living in cities, Mr Denis Howell, Minister of State for the Environment (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab) said.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexley, Bexleyheath, C) had asked for a statement on the Government's anti-litter programme.

Mr Howell—*We are now urgently* exploring with the local authority associations the date at which the litter abatement provisions of the Control of Pollution Act, 1974, can be implemented. I hope it may be soon.

I expect to be able to announce shortly a substantial increase in the grant in aid to the "Keep Britain Tidy" group for 1978-79.

Mr Shore wants to get Bill on tenants' charter

Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, gave an undertaking that the Government would introduce legislation providing for a tenants' charter for council property as soon as possible.

Mr Reginald Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green, C) had asked why provision for the introduction of such a charter was not contained in the Government's legislative programme.

Mr Peter Shore (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—Before we proceed to legislation I want to give full consideration to the representations received, particularly from local authorities and their tenants. I have not yet completed this study.

Mr Eyre—Early last year the Government voted down a council tenants' charter introduced by the Conservatives. Ministerial assurances were given that the Government would introduce a similar Bill.

In view of their reluctance, will he accept notice of my intention to introduce a similar Bill?

Mr Shore—We shall consider the content of the Bill when he introduces it. We did say at that time that we were anxious to introduce a measure. That is what we still intend to do just as soon as we can.

Mr Anthony Durant (Reading, North, C)—Council tenants, in my constituency certainly, would like an extension of the power they already have to run their own estates.

Is this another election gimmick in that it is not going to be brought forward but just talked about

Mr Shore—No. If we were approaching it simply in that spirit we would be introducing it straight away. We want to consider this seriously. It affects the daily lives of many millions of people and we wish to get it right.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab)—The matter is urgent. In many local authorities repairs are outstanding, and there is also the matter of evictions.

Mr Shore—Repairs and security of tenure are important, but they are not the only matters. There are tenants' rights in relation to subletting, taking lodgers. It is important to tenants about how far they can organize their own exchanges and transfers

Mr Michael Heseltine, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment (Henley, C)—It was nine months ago that a Conservative MP sought leave to introduce this matter. Mr Shore carries no conviction in saying it takes nine months to hold consultations on such a matter.

Mr Shore—We published a Green Paper in July and gave people until December 1 to respond. We sent out a series of follow-up consultation papers inviting further responses. The information is only just coming in.

Breach of pay rule denied

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the potential loss of 1,000 jobs of employees at the Otis Elevator plant in Kirkby.

He said that this was because the Government were threatening to withhold temporary employment subsidy because it was alleged that Otis in London would be in breach of pay guidelines if they implemented a settlement for engineers. That was denied and the Kirkby plant had settled within the guidelines and it was unreasonable and unfair that they should be victimized.

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SPORT

Football

United keep a frozen grip on the Cup

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Manchester U 4 Carlisle U 2

In as much comfort as could be expected in freezing conditions, *Manchester United kept their* hands on the FA Cup in a third round replay at Old Trafford last night. Carlisle United, the third division club who had held them to a draw on their own ground on Saturday, were unable to give a full answer to United almost permanent pressure that brought two goals each from Pearson and Macari.

On this bitter night when the snow-laden Pennine winds swirled and favoured neither team, United protected themselves with a goal after only five minutes, and a splendid one at that. They had put Carlisle in difficulty from the first moments and when, from McIlroy's corner, Houston gave Macari possession several yards outside the penalty area, the United forwards closed in for a centre.

But Macari, enterprisingly, chose to float a shot over them all and the ball dropped snugly in the far corner. Carlisle never completely recovered. United pressed on into a gathering blizzard and Carlisle could offer little in reply. Macari, who had also scored in the second minute of the first match on Saturday, was especially hard on their uncertain defence and, antagonized into a bright performance by his being dropped from that game, Hill was a lively ally.

Macari continually moved up from midfield and it was nearly half an hour before Carlisle seriously penetrated United's penalty area. Their strong claims for a penalty, when Tait fell in a tackle with Houston, did no more than show Carlisle's frustration. Tait pursued the referee upfield but merely achieved a booking *and his team's situation* deteriorated with the weather.

Copious use of the wings kept United in attacks for the whole of the half although the wind and snow hardly made for rhythm. Coppell's control often defied the difficulties and it was his low ball, slipped across the goalmouth, that caused confusion and so United's second goal. The ball should have been cleared by MacDonald but, inexplicably, he did no more than assist its journey on to Pearson who took an easy goal from eight yards.

In the circumstances, the absence of Brian Greenhoff, who was suspended for being sent off on Saturday, was comfortably accommodated by the United defenders until well into the second half when Carlisle raised a spirited revival in which McVitie was especially active. He stretched towards an open goal to reach Rafferty's curling centre but missed by a fraction, and Tait had to show the way after 67 minutes when he pushed the ball over the line after a free kick from McVitie bounced around the United penalty area almost asking to be put away.

United reacted firmly, scoring two goals in three minutes that effectively won them the tie. First, Macari rose to meet a corner and headed high towards the far post and Pearson stabbed the ball over the line. Then, after two attacks that could have been equally successful, Macari booked in Coppell's centre from an unmarked position in front of the Carlisle goal.

Perhaps United relaxed a little and certainly Carlisle saw a belated opportunity. They broke out of their own half and a long clearance was taken up by Tait who squared the ball into the stride of Rafferty who hit in a first-time shot. They perserved bravely enough but there was nothing left but frozen fingers.





Cold comfort for Old Trafford: A chip from Macari (top) and a close shot from Pearson gives Manchester United a 2—0 lead before the interval.

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Manchester United's manager, Dave Sexton, said: "It was a difficult game for us and the conditions did not help. They fought well and made it hard. Our third goal came just at the right time". Carlisle's consolation will be a share of the gate worth around £20,000.

McQueen may be on way to Old Trafford

Leeds United yesterday received a transfer request from *Gordon* McQueen, their Scottish international centre half. McQueen has been told to put his request in writing but, if Leeds let him go, there should be no shortage of buyers with Manchester United in the forefront.

McQueen said: "I feel that my game will not improve further if I stay at Leeds. The departure of Joe Jordan to Manchester United brought the matter to mind, although it did not result in my decision to seek a transfer. I only hope that this matter will not drag on like it did for Jordan. I hope I can get away quickly."

Jimmy Armfield, the manager of Leeds, said: "If McQueen is serious about wanting to get away, he will have to put his request in writing to the directors." McQueen retorted: "I am perfectly serious and if they want me to put it in writing I will do so. I am not worried about the loss of money in making this request."

Leeds may not be keen to let him go before Wednesday when they play Everton at Elland Road in the quarter-final round of the League Cup, their only remaining hope of success this season. McQueen was fined a "substantial sum" on Monday for ungentlemanly conduct after an incident involving Harvey, the Leeds goalkeeper, in last Saturday's FA Cup tie against Manchester City.

Bob Roberts, a senior Leeds director, said last night that McQueen's transfer request would be considered by the board at a meeting this afternoon.

Manchester United are also expected to re-open negotiations for Gerry Francis, England's former captain with Queens Park Rangers. United were rebuffed to have recently offered £350,000 for Francis, who has made a successful return after injury threatened his career. But the offer did not match the valuation of Rangers, who are understood to be interested in a player-exchange deal, possible involving Hill or Pearson, whose future with United is in doubt after the signing of Jordan.

Frank McLintock, the manager of Leicester City, yesterday put two of his team party, Alderson and Woollett, on the transfer list. Alderson, aged 27, joined Leicester from Coventry City for £100,000

In the past few weeks Mr McLintock has put three other first-team members on the transfer list—Blockley, Earle and Sammels—as well as several young reserves. He values Alderson at £50,000 and Woollett at £30,000.

Sheffield Wednesday are prepared to release Prendergast, a striker, and are likely to ask for a fee of about £25,000. Prendergast, aged 27, saw his manager, Jack Charlton, about his future and the club decided to inform other clubs that he was available. Prendergast has scored 52 goals in 170 appearances and was their leading scorer two seasons ago.

Gordon Jago, who left Millwall last month to take over as manager of Tampa Bay Rowdies in the United States, is to join his European-based players at Bisham Abbey on Monday. The party of 13 includes Marsh, formerly of Rangers and Manchester City, Lindsay, who was with Crystal Palace, Glover, of Charlton and Leisester City, and Alston who has recently returned after playing for Australia in the World Cup.

Also in the party is Winston Dubose, an American goalkeeper who has been gaining experience with Southampton reserves and Cambridge City, of the Southern League. The team will play two private practice matches against league clubs in midweek

Cricket

England cynically ignore needs of crowd and young players

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Bahawalpur, Jan 11

English cricket was seen at its most cynical in the match against *the Punjabi Cricket Association* which ended here this evening in a draw. Having failed to bowl the Punjab out on the first day they devoted most of the rest of the game to batting practice, and dull practice at that. In seven hours and a half they had made 334 for five when Brearley declared at lunchtime today with a first innings lead of 117. In the three and a half hours that remained the Punjab, in their second innings, scored 193 for nine.

It is a simple matter just to blame the pitch and to say that strips of flat, baked mud lead to days of drab, unadventurous cricket. So they do if they are allowed to. If, on the other hand, you are prepared to see the game as a challenge—to be won if it is possible to win it—it can be done, and even if you fail you are remembered as the side that came and tried.

Today, even without trying, the England XI were near enough to winning when the last hour started to think that their tactics might have been mistaken. I hope so anyway.

How Brearley, having decided to bat on this morning, could have come in himself when Miller was out, rather than giving a knock to Gatting and Botham, defeats me. If you remember, the captain had five hours at the wicket only last Saturday. The England players left London on November 24, yet Gatting has had only one first class innings and Botham two. Downton, who was also playing, has yet to get to the wicket in any sort of game, including the practice matches which the vice-captain, Boycott, so monopolized in Lahore.

Quite apart from anything else it is unfair not to give the young ones a chance and, therefore, infinitely discouraging for them. If the third Test match, starting in Karachi next Wednesday, is to be won, it will not be by batting as Rose and Randall did here, but by playing as Botham and Gatting *like to do.* If I were either of these two I would be wondering what was the point of being here. The itinerary, I know, allows little scope for keeping a party of 16 employed, but it was possible here to do something about it and nothing was done.

What entertainment there was today was provided by the Punjabis, who batted in their second innings as though realizing it was time someone did something to try to keep the large, friendly and inquisitive crowd amused. The last time an English team made such a lame contribution for so much of a game was at Indore last February. Then, too, Brearley was captain—and then, too, Randall was used as a clown to try to compensate for cricketing shortcomings.

Rumours are abroad not only that Sarfraz Nawaz will be playing in next week's Test match, but that Zaheer Abbas and Imran Khan are also coming from Australia where they are engaged with Mr Packer. The board of control for cricket here know no more than anyone else: but nowhere else is cricket run as it is in Pakistan. Zaheer and Imran have been contacted, if at all, by one of the group of agitators who are trying to make life difficult for the official administrators, with Mr Packer no doubt eager to curry favour. If I may use the expression, he would probably be pleased to let a couple of his players of for a fortnight.

The worst luck, if Sarfraz, Imran and Zaheer do play, will be for those young Pakistanis who have shown themselves capable of standing on their own feet in the last month and are greatly benefiting by the experience. Mohsin Khan has shown here in Bahawalpur that he is ready to be blooded and there could be no better place for that to happen than in his home town of I It will be a pity if he is the sidelines in the same Gatting.

PUNJAB XI: First innings, 9 dec (Mohsin Khan 97 not *Miller 4 for 32).*

Second Innings
Mohsin Khan, b Old ..
Saadat Ali, run out ..
Ali Zia, l-b-w, b Botham
Nasir Valika, b Edmonds
Wasim Raja, c and b Edm
Naeem Ahmed, b Botham
Ashraf Ali, c Roope, b Mille
Farooq Shera, b Gatting ..
Mansilah, l-b-w, b Edmonds
Azmat Rana, not out ..
Jamshed Hussain, not out
Extras (l-b 7, n-b 3)

Total (9 wkts) ..

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—37 3—70, 4—70, 5—91, 6—108 8—160, 9—180.

BOWLING: Old, 5—C Hendrick, 5—1—21—0; —2—32—2; Edmonds, 11—3; Miller, 7—1—13—1; 1—1—0—1.

ENGLAND: First Innin
B. C. Rose, c Farooq, b
D. W. Randall, l-b-w, b Nasir
G. R. J. Roope, run out ..
G. Miller, c Ashraf, b Naeem
*J. M. Brearley, not out ..
C. M. Old, st Ashraf, b Za
Extras (b 2, l-b 8, w 1, n-

Total (5 wkts dec
I. T. Botham, P. Edmonds
Downton, M. W. Gatting, M.
did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS:
2—172, 3—285, 4—319, 5—

BOWLING: Jamshed, 14—2
Farooq, 13—3—39—0; Nasi
10—105—2; Raja, 25—1
Saadat, 3—1—6—0; Nasrul
1—16—0; Mohsin, 2—0—10
3—1—0—1.

The news from Sydn Imran Khan and Zaheer may be leaving World Cricket in Australia to Pakistan to be available against England in the th last Test met with a firm from Lord's.

"What other countries to do is not our affair.", a man said. We picked the tours of Pakistan as Zealand and will not go those players. There is tion of any of the cricketers who elected Packer, and so made the unavailable, being called

Newcastle take time

It took a second-half penalty, confidently converted by Newcastle United's Craig, to put Peterborough, of the third division, on the road to defeat in their FA Cup third-round replay at St James Park last night. The first division side, who finally won 2—0, were struggling to find a way through until Hudson was brought down by Carmichael, playing in the city of his birth. Craig, a Scottish international, drove the penalty kick high to Barron's left.

Four minutes from time, Blackhall hit his first senior goal with a right-foot shot from 25 yards to secure a home fourth-round tie for Newcastle against Wrexham, another promotion-chasing third division side.

Newcastle deserved their victory in a scrappy match played in a gale-force wind. Nattrass and Cassidy both hit the woodwork before Craig's goal. Dennis Turner, the referee who booked six players in the first meeting, took just one name last night. Barker, the left back, for a foul *on Peterborough's former New*castle winger, Robson.

Norwich City and Orient, whose FA Cup third-round replay was postponed last night because of a waterlogged pitch at Carrow Road, are to ask the Football Association if the match can be played next Wednesday. The clubs expect the FA to want the game played on Monday, in case yet another replay is needed, but will telephone the FA tomorrow for a ruling.

Cliff Maskell, the referee, called off last night's game after learning from a local weather station that more heavy rain was expected. He said: "The pitch is waterlogged and the water is just sitting in puddles. It would have been dangerous to have tried to play the game".

The revised draw for the fourth round is:

Arsenal v Wolverhampton.
Bolton W v Mansfield T.
Brighton v Notts County.
Bristol R v Grimsby or Southampton.
Chelsea v Burnley.
Derby C v Birmingham C.
Ipswich T v Hartlepool U.
Manchester U v West Bromwich.
Middlesbrough v Everton.
Millwall v Luton T.
Newcastle U v Wrexham.
Nottingham F v Manchester C.
Orient or Norwich C v Blackburn R.
Stoke C v Blyth S.
Walsall v Leicester C.
West Ham U v QP Rangers.

Cambridge keep up their challenge

Oxford 2 Cambridge 3

Cambridge United maintained their promotion challenge with an impressive 3—2 win at Oxford, who twice went ahead.

A fine run by the Youth international, Seacole, created an opening for Foley to score his fourteenth goal for Oxford, but a defensive mistake by Stott let in Watson for the equalizer after 19 minutes.

Jeffrey regained the lead with a superb goal, on the hour, but Morgan headed Cambridge level a minute later. Finney scored the winner 13 minutes from the end.

Chatterton injured

Nicholas Chatterton tore a cartilage in a knee during training yesterday and is expected to be out of action for Crystal Palace for some weeks.

Yesterday's results and scorers

FA Cup, third round replays

Man U (2) 4 Macari (2) Pearson (2) 54,156		Carlisle (0) 2 Tait Rafferty	
Manchester United at home to West Bromwich Albion.			
Newcastle (0) 2 T. Craig (pen) Blackhall		Peterboro (0) 0 25,770	
Newcastle United at home to Wrexham. Postponed: Norwich City v Orient.			

Third division

Oxford (1) 2 Foley Jeffrey 3,115		Cambridge (1) 3 Watson Morgan Finney	

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Weymouth 5, Cheltenham 0. First division, south: Folkestone and Shepway 1, Addlestone 1.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London University 3, Nemean League 3.

RUGBY UNION: Tredegar 9, Maesteg 4. School: Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 24, Archbishop Tennison's GS 0; St Joseph's 20, Sutton Manor 6; Wellington RS 7, W. J. Ireland's XV 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Salford 30, Dewsbury 7; Widnes 15, Wigan 5.

HOCKEY: London League: London University 0, Spencer 1.

Toohey defies injury and India

Sydney, Jan 11.—Peter Toohey, hampered by a sprained ankle, scored a fighting 77 not out for Australia to thwart India from clinching victory on the fourth day of the fourth cricket Test here today and squaring the series.

Toohey, who injured his ankle during a fielding mishap last Sunday, was forced to use a runner throughout his innings but defiantly held our against India's spin attack, winning warm praise from both the Australian captain, Bob Simpson, and the Indian skipper, Bishen Bedi. "It was a tremendous *innings, full* of courage under the circumstances", Bedi said.

At the close Australia, 40 for one on Monday night, were 243 for eight in their second innings, still needing 22 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Toohey, Gary Cosier, and Simpson were the only batsmen to show any firm resistance as Erapalli Prasanna, an off spin bowler, took over from Bedi and Bhagwat Chandrasekhar as the destroyer-in-chief, capturing four for 47 off 28.4 overs.

Cosier and Kim Hughes began the day reasonably confidently, taking their second wicket stand to 61 before Hughes played a weak defensive push against Bedi and was snapped up at short square leg by Dilip Vengsarkar. Hughes had taken 97 minutes for his 19 runs.

The vice-captain, Craig Serjeant, lasted only four minutes. He failed to offer a shot to Prasanna and was bowled off stump for one. Simpson joined Cosier, but the Australians suffered another blow in the pre-lunch period when Cosier, after making a dogged 68, dragged a ball from Bedi onto his stumps. He had batted for 193 minutes and hit nine fours.

Simpson and the highly promising Toohey set about saving the innings and added 65 for the fifth wicket before, at 171, Simpson played across the line to Prasanna and was trapped leg before for 33. Tony Mann, as in the first innings, lasted only two deliveries before being caught and bowled by Prasanna for nought.

The wicketkeeper, Steve Rixon, and the fast bowler, Wayne Clark, both reached double figures, but eventually fell victim to the subtle arts of the Indian spin bowlers Rixon was caught by Sunil Gavaskar off Chandrasek 11, and Clark became Pr fourth victim when he w bowled for 10.

Play ended 17 minute because of bad light—a to minutes were lost during —leaving Toohey un along with Jeff Thomson, defended for 44 minutes four. So India are poi victory on the final day to with Australia hoping th forecast for the area, m save them from a second ating defeat.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings, Second Innings
J. Dyson, c and b Chandrase
G. Cosier, b Bedi
K. Hughes, c Vengsarkar, b
C. Serjeant, b Prasanna ..
R. Simpson, l-b-w, b Pras
P. Toohey, not out ..
A. Mann, c and b Prasanna
S. Rixon, c Gavaskar, Chandrasekhar ..
W. Clark, b Prasanna ..
J. Thomson, not out
Extras (l-b 7, b 4, n-b

Total (8 wkts) ..

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—36 3—82, 4—106, 5—171, 7—194, 8—211.

BOWLING (to date): Cha 7—29—0; Amarnath, 4— Chandrasekhar, 22—6 Bedi, 28—8—62—2; Prasanna 11—47—4.

INDIA: First Innings, 396 fo dec.—Reuter.

Imran starts and ends W Indian collap

Orange, Jan 11.—A collapse by a West Indian XI after tea left a World XI in a strong position after the opening day of the two-day World Series Cricket match here today.

Exciting batting by Richards, Greenidge and Alan carried the West Indians to 225 for five but Procter, turning to assorted spin bowling, had Lloyd and Murray well caught by Imran Khan off attempted big hits to leg.

Imran wrapped up the innings for 272 with three wickets in his final over to finish with three for 39. When the World team batted, Richards and Amiss scored 61 off 16 overs without

SCORES: West Indian XI Alisi 66, I. V. A. Richards Greenidge 62; Imran Khan 3 M. Procter 3 for 53); World for 0 (B. Richards 29 not Amiss 26 not out).—Reuter.

NEW DELHI: England Sch 137 and 307; Indian Schools and 116 for 6. Indian Schools by five wickets and lead 2—0 i

Strict security planned for World Cup draw

Buenos Aires, Jan 11.—A four-year-old boy will be the key figure in the draw here on Saturday for the World Cup which Argentina will host in June. Riccardo Teizeira, grandson of Joao Havelange, the president of the International Football Federation (FIFA), will have the task of drawing the slips to determine in which of four groups 12 of the 16 countries will play in the first round of the final tournament.

The leaders of the four groups, including Argentina as host country and West Germany as defending champions, are to be chosen by the World Cup organizing committee tomorrow. The draw will be held, under strict security, at the San Martin Cultural Centre, an 11-storey building housing a variety of auditoriums, theatres, and movie houses in the centre of Buenos Aires. It will also be the main press centre for the World Cup.

The draw will be held in a 500-capacity auditorium and will be attended by FIFA authorities, representatives from the 16 participating nations and members of the State EAM-78 World Cup organizing body.

More than 500 national and foreign correspondents have been accredited and most will follow the proceedings on closed circuit television in two other auditoriums where communication facilities will be available. The draw will be the first colour television broadcast from Argentina.

But only viewers abroad will see it in colour. Local residents will have to be content with black and white. Colour television will not become generally available in Argentina until at least 1981.

Police and security forces have planned a strict security operation in and around the San Martin Cultural Centre. Uniformed and plain clothes policemen as well as army troops in combat dress and with rifles and automatic weapons will patrol the passages of the centre and its surrounding streets. All people entering the premises will be searched and nobody will be allowed in unless they have the *proper credentials.*—Reuter.

Keegan faces suspension of eight weeks

Frankfurt, Jan 11.—The control commission of the West German football federation today demanded an eight-week suspension for Kevin Keegan for roughing up another player. Keegan, formerly of Liverpool, was sent off in a friendly match between VEB Luebeck and his SV Hamburg for striking an opponent.

The control commission asked that proceedings be conducted in written form. Keegan, however, may press a demand to be heard in person before a disciplinary panel. "We are going to talk about the problem and we are going to explore all possibilities", Paul Bentien, Hamburg's president said today.—UPI.

Gradi is new manager of Wimbledon

Wimbledon, the fourth division newcomers, have appointed Dario Gradi as manager to succeed Allen Batsford, who resigned last Thursday.

Mr Gradi was appointed caretaker manager after Mr Batsford's departure and took charge of the team against Brentford on Saturday.

He was made assistant manager at Plough Lane in September

A kick around the park is the toast of World Cup

Mendoza, Argentina, Jan 11.—The half a million people of this western Argentine city are a community of tree-worshippers and their obsession with greenery is reflected in the setting of the new World Cup football stadium nearing completion here. Set in a natural bowl in the San Martin Park, the 50,000 capacity stadium is sheltered on one side by banks of poplar and elm trees and dominated on the other by the spectacular foothills of the Andes.

Work began in 1974 is running slightly behind schedule. But site engineers say that although there is much still to be done the stadium should be ready for an inaugural match in March.

There was a public outcry here when the parkland site was picked for the World Cup stadium. The press and public claimed it would destroy the landscape and mean cutting down some of the city's precious trees. In fact only two trees were sacrificed and more have been planted to replace them.

The natural vegetation of Mendoza is semi-arid but generations of loving care have turned it into a garden city. All the streets are lined with trees which provide a tunnel of shade from the year-round sunshine. Every avenue has a roadside irrigation channel to provide water for them.

The same irrigation system has turned Mendoza Province into Argentina's major wine-producing region and local growers are organizing a wine festival to coincide with the *World Cup in June.* A time-table of wine tastings and luncheons at some of the larger vineyards for visiting supporters and journalists has already been arranged.

The people of Mendoza, still slightly bemused by the international attention the World Cup is bringing them, have decided that it will at least give them a chance to promote their city and perhaps make some money.

An international trade fair and a craft fair have been planned to coincide with the World Cup, and on a smaller scale a local man has announced he is setting up a telescope on a hill overlooking the stadium to provide a view for spectators who cannot afford a ticker.

Local householders have already offered 5,000 beds for rent in their homes to overcome a shortage of hotel space during the championship. Three first-class hotels are under construction and 15 existing ones are being improved. But Cup organizers acknowledge there could be accommodation problems if a well-supported team such as Brazil play here. Mendoza has 17,000 hotel beds, but bookings have also been made in the neighbouring San Juan province, 110 miles to the north.

Italy are likely to head the group playing here and it is a popular choice locally. About 50 per cent of the population have Italian origins. Indeed, the wine industry was expanded to its present capacity by Italian immigrants at the turn of the century.

Giles confirms signing for the Furies

Johnny Giles confirmed yesterday that he would play for the American National League side, Philadelphia Furies, in the summer. The former Newcastle United manager Richard Dinnis, who is the boss of the Furies, was present at the negotiations.

Giles denied that he would get £1,000 a game for the Furies and said that his career in America in the summer would not interfere with his commitments to Ireland. Ireland play Denmark in the European Cup on May 24, but Giles said he would be returning to Ireland a few days before then.

Giles also stated that there might be a reciprocal arrangement between his club, Shamrock Rovers, and the Furies. This would mean an exchange deal between the two clubs, with the Americans playing in League of Ireland football in the winter and the Irish playing in America during the summer.

The Bohemians full back Fran O'Brien, who was rejected by Newcastle United last September on medical grounds, also accepted a three-year contract last night with Philadelphia Furies along with his colleagues Pat and Eddie Byrne.

Tennis

Lloyd will carry bulk of Britain's hopes

Britain's international team, still seeking their first win in this year's European Kng's Cup, look to John Lloyd and John Feaver for a successful start in tonight's match with Spain in Sheffield. After being held up on snow-covered roads in the area, they put in a long extra practice session last night.

A win is vital for, having lost to both Sweden in Sunderland and Austria in Vienna last week, Britain will have little to play for if they lose again. In spite of making their worst start in the event, sponsored by Saab, Paul Hutchins, the team manger, is confident of victory, particularly as the Spaniards are without Orantes.

Both Lloyd and Feaver face stiff tests, especially Lloyd. He plays Higueras, who is placed well above him in the world's top 30.

DRAW: J. Feaver v J. Soler; J. Lloyd v J. Higueras; J. and D. Lloyd v J. Higueras and J. Moreno.

Miss Wade to meet fello Briton in second round

Hollywood, Florida, Jan 11.—The top seed Virginia Wade, who survived a strong challenge in the first round, will meet a fellow Briton, the unseeded Michele Tyler, today in the second round of the $100,000 Virginia Slims tennis tourna ent. Yesterday Miss Wade dropped the first set 6—7 against unranked Regina Marsikova, of Czechoslovakia, on a 2—5 tie break, but came back to take the match by winning the next two sets 6—1, 6—3.

Other top-ranked players also had to struggle to reach the second round. Evonne Cawley dropped the first set on a 3—5 tie break before beating an American, Lea Antonopolis 6—7, 6—3, 6—3, Wendy Turnbull downed Renee Richards in another three-set match, 7—6, 5—7, 6—3. Tracy Austin, the talented American youngster, had an easier time, beating a compatriot, Joanne Russel, 6—3, 6—1, Betty Stove, of the Netherlands, defeated Julie Anthony, of the United States, 7—5, 6—2.

The day's only upset cam unseeded Marita Redondo, fellow American and the t three seed, Rosie Casals, 6—2, 7—5. Miss Casals s her defeat. "I think it t longer to get back into concentrate, and realize th back on the circuit again, takes work."

In other matches, Mona rant, of the United States, d Pat Medrado, of Brazil, 2—6 6—3. The number five seed, Fromholtz, of Australia, del with a sinus infection al Miss Tyler to advance. doubles match, Miss Guerra Greer Stevens, of South defeated an American pair, Dippot and Kathy May, 6—2 6—3.—UPI.

BIRMINGHAM (Alabama): Grand Prix: First round: B. (Sweden) beat H. Solomon, 6—1; S. Gottfried beat T. (Netherlands), 6—1, 6—4; V. Lilla beat M. Cox (GB), 6—3, R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat Z. Ioric (Yugoslavia), 6—1, 6— Tanner beat C. Mottram (GB), 7—6, 6—3.

Cross country

Muir in strong Scottish team

Nat Muir leads a strong Scottish team *in an international cross*-country race in Belfast on Saturday. He competes with Clark, McGarva and Bingwall.

Frank Clement will run as an individual. McKean, Gunstone and Brown will race in Elgoibar, Spain, on Sunday.

Yachting

BRISBANE: World Moth championships: Seventh race: 1, R. Hargreaves (GB), Easy Come Easyso; 2, T. Hilton, Hunyin; 3, R. Russell, Widowmaker; 4, I. Ward, Skimbleshanks; 5, C. Burton, Red Ned; 6, Rob O'Sullivan, Gidget. Final overall placings: 1, O'Sullivan, 34.7 pts; 2, Hilton, 35; 3, P. Moor, Smithy, 46.7; 4, Burton, 69.7; 5, S. Ward, 73.7; 6, N. Collins, Rock, 80.4, 9, Hargreaves, 99.7.

Boxing

John gives up at third attempt

Roy John, a Welsh light-heavyweight, has withdrawn from his proposed British championship bout against Bunny Johnson, the holder, and retired from boxing. John and his manager, Bev Walker, reached the decision after his five-round defeat in Copenhagen at the weekend by Mustapha Wasaja, of Uganda.

John boxed for the British title in March, 1973, when Chris Finnegan beat him on points.

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Table tennis

Chinese torment lowers English players' morale

By Richard Streeton

Problems of morale face the English table tennis players as well as strong opposition, mainly from the Chinese and Czechoslovaks, when the English open championships start at Brighton today. A week of regular defeats at the hands of the Chinese during their current visit has left a feeling of disillusionment among several of the younger English players.

This was apparent at Edmonton late on Tuesday night at the reception held after the internationals there. Unless the English can shrug off their despondency and regain a modicum of self-confidence, they will fail to reach their potential at Brighton. This would be a pity because, by European standards, England have a full quota of promising players.

China's supremacy at the table is knowledged and admired. Less popular, though, is the suspicion that the Chinese do not always play flat out. The English players believe they would learn more if the Chinese applied full pressure. It is a delicate area in which to comment but it is not new in table tennis.

It has long been apparent in the sport and epitomizes the differing problems that can arise between western and eastern cultures. England are not the first country to be on the receiving end of the Chinese sporting doctrine which is usually interpreted by the phrase "friendship first—competition second." The Chinese skills make for superb entertainment but they also make pr tion even more hazardous usual at an international occ

The championships, which sopnsored by Norwich U open today with the team e and, if precedent is followed It will be the individual e beginning tomorrow, which w harder to forecast. In table t seedings are based on world ings and by this criteria Orlowski, of Czechoslovakia, in the world, is top seed; Li Shih, of China, No 14 in the w is seeded second.

Orlowski is one of the few peans with the power and of shot to extend Chinese nents but he will have to his best if Li has his mind s regaining the title he wo Brighton two years ago. The handed Li provides by far best spectator value among Chinese team.

Desmond Douglas carries lish hopes but he will do we get beyond the semi-final ro Jill Hammersley, England's E pean champion, is seeded e third in the women's singles. is gradually getting back to best form after last season's in problems though she is not at her peak. Mrs Hammersle in the same half of the draw Chu Hsiang-Yun, of China, f ranked in the world but seventh in her own country. Chu, whose defence is her forte, is seeded to meet U Uhlikova (Czechoslovakia) Saturday's final.

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Racing

Royal Marshal II and Coffee Bean can make Forster's day

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

There has been a change of plan for Royal Frolic. Earlier this week Fred Rimell, his trainer, intended running the horse who won the Cheltenham Gold Cup two seasons ago at Newcastle on Saturday in the Pinzall Steeplechase. Rimell declared Royal Frolic for that race at the four-day forfeit stage on Tuesday, but the threat of bad weather in the north which could so easily put paid to Newcastle's good fixture promoted Rimell to change his mind yesterday and switch Royal Frolic to Wincanton for the John Bull Steeplechase this afternoon.

The Newcastle race is much the more valuable, but it is better to be safe than sorry and Rimell is desperately keen that Royal Frolic's comeback after a year off recovering from injury should continue uninterrupted. What is Newcastle's loss is undoubtedly Wincanton's gain because those who enjoy racing on the popular Somerset course will now be treated to a right royal clash between one horse who has won the Gold Cup at Cheltenham and another who has won the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park, and a Hennessy Gold Cup.

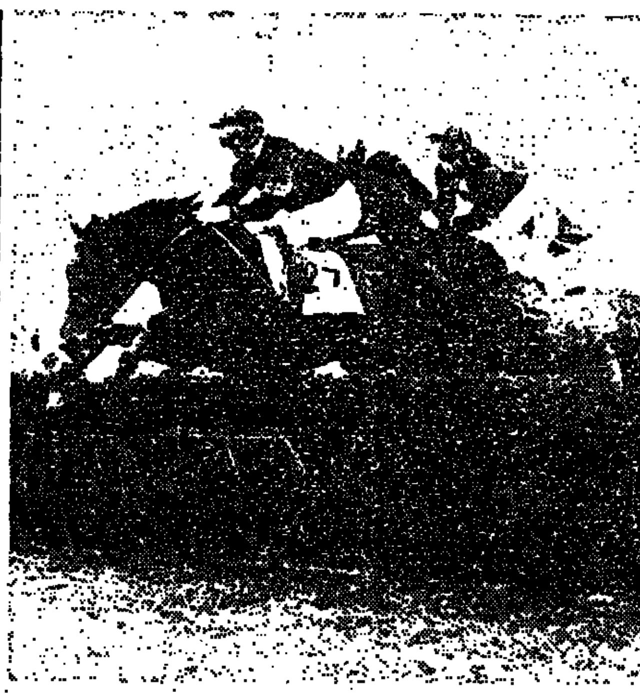
The distance of today's race is not guaranteed to bring out the best in either Royal Frolic or Royal Marshal II, but it should be an enthralling race all the same. Ireland's Owen who completes the small but select field has won four of his last nine races, the most recent being at Market Rasen last Saturday when he carried 12st and gave weight and a decisive beating to his rivals. All things being equal Ireland's Owen is unlikely to beat either Royal Frolic or Royal Marshal on these terms but getting, as he does, 8lb from them he should still run well.

Royal Frolic enters the fray fresh from beating Cancello in a match at Doncaster eight days ago that told us little about him other than that he was in good spiris. It was a bloodless affair because Cancello was still backward after his long lay-off and clearly not as sharp as when he won the Mackeson Gold Cup in 1976.

Before that Royal Frolic had finished nine and a half lengths behind Royal Marshall in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day when the latter was himself beaten one length and four lengths in third place behind Bachelor's Hall and Uncle Bing, both of whom he was gaving 7lb. That would seem to suggest that today's race ought to be clear cut and that Royal Marshal should win, but it is not quite as simple as that. Royal Marshal is apt to break blood vessels and in any case the John Bull Steeplechase is run over only two miles and five furlongs, whereas the King George was over three miles.

Having won over only two miles at Doncaster last week Royal Frolic could easily be the sharper. Furthermore he is two years younger than his rival.

STATE OF GOING (official): Southwell: Soft. Wincanton. Soft. Tomorrow: Ascot: Good. Newcastle: Soft.



MacKelly, the eventual winner, leads the field in division one of the Longwater Hurdle at Towcester yesterday.

MacKelly makes Triumph bet look a good thing

MacKelly's easy win in the first division of the Longwater Novices Hurdle in the wind and sleet at Towcester yesterday was a boost to connexions. A fortnight ago before MacKelly made his first apearance over hurdles at Newbury, they obtained 50-1 about the Wiltshire four-year-old winning the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle.

This was the colt who shocked punters on the flat last summer when the champion jockey, Pat Eddery, rode him to a 40-1 victory in the Melrose Handicap at the York Ebor meeting. After his close third to Pollerton and Slasher at Newbury, MacKelly was a 5-2 favourite yesterday. Clive Candy made virtually all the running on MacKelly and the combination won by 12 lengths from Blue Braes. Mexicon Silk was another 12 lengths away third.

The trainer, Jim Old, of Ashmore, said: "The 'Triumph' is his sole objective, but, of course, he must have the ground soft." Headded: "He was branded a villain on the flat and we are finding easy races for him to gain confidence." Old bought MacKelly privately out of Clive Brittain's stable in October for the London firm of Bulgins.

Tim Forster, the Wantage troiner, won the Well To Do Challenge Cup Handicap Steeplechase, named after his 1972 Grand National winner, with Mr Snowman, giving credit for the victory of Lord Leverhulme's nine-year-old to the jockey, Grahom Thorner. "No one but Graham would have got him home", he said, after Thorner had boosted Mr Snowman over the last fence, at which he veered right and almost stopped, having mode a mistake at the previous obstacle.

Thorner had sat last of the three remaining runners on the departure of the well-fancied Salviati at the 10th fence ond made up ground on Mr Snowman to strike the front approaching the penultimate jump. He kept him going up the hill after near-disaster at the last fence and Mr Snowmon scored in the poor conditions by four lengths from Bassant, with Court Shadow another three lengths away. Forster said: "Obviously it's a race I like to win. The trainer captured the inougural running with Wel To Do and has subsequently saddled Salvador III to finish second and Super Slave third.

The Kelso senior steward, John Marshall, criticized the present system of the levy when just a handful of 210 paying customers "looked in" at the track yesterday, and the course lost £1,000. Mr Marshall said: "It's amazing—there is snow everywhere, yet we are like an oasis at Kelso but we lose money! Every betting shop in the country is open and we are providing the levy top racing. It's wiong that a course can provide a sporting spectacle for the levy and then be out of pocket!" He added: "We have taken £850 on the day and need £1,850 to break even".

The only bookmaker, Alan Henderson from Warkworth, Northumberland, had only 12 customers in the middle of the course, and, with no other facilities open, they all decided to switch to Tattersalls.

Swimming

Britain back threat to boycott Olympics

By Richard Streeton

British swimming officials yesterday voted in favour of supporting a threat by the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA) to withdraw the sport from the Olympic Games unless the programme was restored to a full schedule. At Montreal in 1976 the swimming programme was pruned by three events compared with earlier games.

The deletions for Moscow in 1980 were the 200 metres medley races for men and women and the men's 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay; they were insisted upon by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in their effort to trim the games in size. As far as swimming was concerned, this made no difference to the number of Olympic competitors involved or the number of days required for the programme; but merely meant that the Olympics fell short of the traditional pattern of 24 individual races and five relays customary at major swimming meetings.

FINA have already inaugurated their own separate world championships—four years ago. A growing feeling now exists in swimming that in terms of prestige and finance the world championships are more important and beneficial than the Olympics.

The IOC have consistently refused to change their minds about restoring the 1980 programme to full strength and FINA recently decided to poll their 125 member associations as to whether they would back a withdrawal from the Olympic movement. It was the decision to support this that the relevant committee of the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain determined to endorse yesterday

"It was felt to be quite wrong for swimming to be curtailed in any way," Mr Sarsfield said. "We are not asking for the programme to be extended but merely to have put back what the IOC took out after Munich the time before last". Mr Sarsfield said that, on the one hand, the IOC were trying to reduce the Olympics; on the other, they had restored the 50 kilometre walk in athletics and added women's hockey and rowing to the programme.

Swimming's own world-championships had already been held in Belgrade in 1973, Cali in 1975 and were now planned on a four-yearly cycle, with the next in West Berlin in August. They were infinitely more rewarding in many ways: for instance, they enabled new sections of the sport, such as synchronized swimming, to be included.

FINA should know the outcome of the voting among national associations within a week or so, although it is not clear whether Mr Javier Ostos, FINA's president and a Mexican lawyer, intends to divulge the result before the FINA bureau meet in March to make a decision on the matter. Many western countries could vote in favour of swimming leaving the Olympics, but the sport's financial lifeline in many smaller countries is through their Olympic committees. This could inhibit how they vote.

For the IOC, however, it is a reminder of how seriously the matter is regarded in swimming when a senior and long established FINA member like Britain can vote against them on such an issue. Mr Ostos is to meet Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, on January 21.

Rugby Union

France pick three new caps and omit Romeu against England

Toulouse, France, Jan 11.—The French Rugby Union selectors today dropped their stand off half, Jean-Pierre Romeu, named three new caps and included their controversial lock forward, Michel Palmié, in the side to play England at Parc des Princes on January 21 in the opening five nations championship match.

Romeu, capped 22 times against international board countries, was last dropped in 1975, when he was replaced by Lucien Paries for the five nations matches against England, Scotland, and Ireland. He is replaced this time by 22-year-old Bernard Vivies, who played a large part in the 15—3 win by France B over Wales B at Nantes in December.

Vivies wins his first cap alongside another 22-year-old newcomer, Jerome Gallion, who captained France against England in an under-23 match at Orrell last October. England won that match 10—3. The English captain was John Scott, who plays No 8 in his first senior international in Paris.

The other new cap is Christian Belascain, who replaces François Sangalli at centre. Belascain was one of the few successes in the French team which beat Romania 9—6 at Clermont Ferrand in December.

Palmié, who was fined £166 and ordered to pay £7,100 in damages yesterday by a court in Lyon after being found guilty of punching Armand Clerc during a club championship semi-final round tie in May 1975, retained his place in the pack.

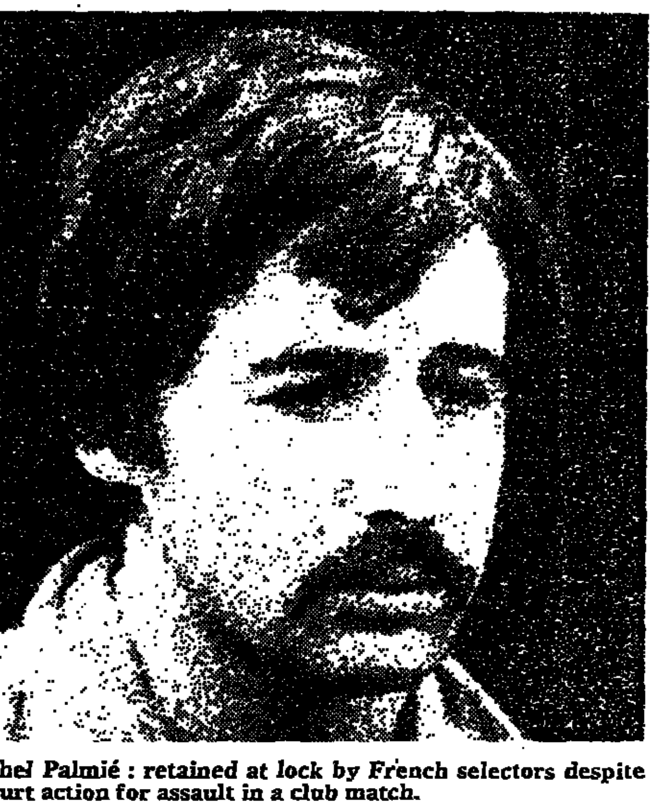
Albert Ferrasse, the French federation's president, said: "Palmié has appealed against the court judgment so it would have been unfair of us to prejudge the issue by discarding him from the French team."

The selectors have kept the same pack which won the five nations title last year. They have taken the opportunity of the decision by their former captain, Jacques Fouroux, to retire from international rugby to change the half-backs. Fouroux's decision was taken a month ago after France's unimpressive victory over Romania.

Romeu has had a disappointing season for his club and the selectors were critical of his reliance on kicking. Vivies should open the game out more than Romeu. Against Romania, Romeu played poorly and missed several penalties.

"I am not shocked by the selectors' decision", Romeu said. "I thought that 1978 would see the end of my international career and it is only natural, that with a new young scrum half the selectors would want to form a new half-back line."

Jeean-Pierre Bastiat returns at No 8 after missing the two internationals against New Zealand last November and is made captain in succession to Fouroux. Bastiat's return, and that of the equally important flanker, Jean-Pierre Rives, considerably strengthens the side which shared the two internationals with the All Blacks. Both Bastiat and Rives were injured for those matches.



Michel Palmié: retained at lock by French selectors despite a court action for assault in a club match.

Back on the right wing after a year's absence is Jean-Francois Gourdon, who was banned from first team rugby for more than 12 months after an unsanctioned club change. The last of his 11 caps was against England in Paris in March 1976, when France won 30—9. He will renew rivalry with England's left wing, Michael Slemen, whose tackling of Gourdon's cross-field runs on that occasion was excellent. However Gourdon ran past him for a try at the end.

FRANCE: J-M. Aguirre (Bagnères); J-F. Gourdan (Bagnères), C. Belascain (Bayonne), R. Bertranne (Bagnères), J-Luc Averous (La Voulte); B. Vivies (Agen), J. Gallion (Toulon); G. Cholley (Castres), A. Paco (Béziers), R. Paparemborde (Pau), J-F. Imbernon (Perpignan), M. Palmié (Béziers), J-C. Skréla (Stade captain), J-P. Rives (Stade Toulousain). Replacement: J. Perche (Bourg), A. Vaquerin (Béziers), J-Luc Joinel (Brive), Toulousain), J-P Bastiat (Dax, J-P. Lafforgue (Lourdes), J. Etchenique (Biarritz), A. Caussade (Lourdes). — Agence France-Presse.

After hearing the news that the selectors had dropped him the 29-year-old Romeu announced his retirement from international rugby. "The French team, for me, I sfinished. I am now retiring from international rugby", he said.

Peter West writes: England will derive no comfort from the fact that, with Rives and Bastiat back in business against them, they face exactly the eight forwards who played so substantial a part in French success last season. But they are not likely to she tears at the absence of Romeu—whatever the French saw

ever the French say about his recent form—least of all the new fullback, David Caplan.

The home countries have always had the healthiest respect for Romeu's abaility as a tactical kicker, not to mention his potential when aiming at goal. Whether the arrival on the scene of the Bernard Vivies presages a more expansive French approach remains to be seen. Vivies certainly looked a most promising player in the under-23 international against England at Orrell as did his partner, Jerome Gallion.

The presence of two half-backs with no experience at the highest level does seem to offer England a possible weakness for counter measures to be devised. That may be a pious hope if England fail to establish a clear edge at close quarters and such advantage will take some achieving.

There is no comfort for England, either, in the return of Gourdon to the wing. His glorious running on his only appearance against England at Twickenham stamped him as a performer of world class. The new centre, Belascain, who has replaced Sangalli from last season's XV, is not known on this side of the Channell. Sangalli, in fact, is a sounder distributor than Bertranne, who survives him, but Bertanne, whose best position is probably on the wing, is the more penetrating runner.

Balding happy with Decent Fellow's Trophy weight

Sea Pigean who has not raced since falling in the Colonial Cup in America nearly seven weeks ago, is clear topweight for the £15,000 Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 11. One of three entries by Peter Easterby, the Yorkshire-trained eight-year-old has been set to carry 12 st 7 lb.

The Irish Sweeps Hurdle winner, Decent Fellow, is next in the handicap on 12 st. Easterby was not available for comment, but Decent Fellow's trainer, Toby Balding, said: "It is not as desperate as it might have been. I shall certainly consider running Decent Fellow. To get 7 lm less than Sea Pigeon is reasonable."

SCHWEPPES GOLD TROPHY (handicap hurdle): Sea Pigeon, 8yrs 12st 7lb, Decent Fellow 5-12-0, Dramatist 7-11-11, Master Monday 8-11-10, Alverton 8-11-7, Acquaint 7-11-3, Prominent King 6-11-3, Pernof 6-11-2, Park Hill 7-11-1, Narribinni 6-11-0, Artifice 7-10-13, Winter Melody 7-10-13, Kybo 5-10-12, Comedy of Errors 1-10-13, Paemako Prince 10-10-12, Nougat 8-10-11, True Lad 8-10-10, Nimrody 7-10-9, The Dunce 7-10-8, Three Visons 5-10-8, Easter Eel 7-10-7, Pinchow 7-10-7, Father Delaney 6-10-7, Western Rose 6-10-7, The Boy 7-10-6, Rare Gold 5-10-6, Zallaman 9-10-5, Atdvo 8-10-5, Flying Diplomat 7-10-4, Running Scared 6-10-2, Prince Pepe 5-10-2, Monte Ceco 5-10-1, Successor 9-10-1, Stopped 6-10-1, Royal Charley 7-10-1, Kilcoleman 6-10-1, Florida King 6-10-1.

Regents Garden 6-10-0, Katmandu 5-9-13, Dyscole 6-9-13, Sargpsa 6-9-13, Handycuff 6-9-12, Igloo Fire 5-9-11, Oyster Catcher 5-9-11, Ardlair 7-9-10, Royal Gaye 5-9-10, Royal Major 5-9-9, Sr Torbey 5-9-9, Battlement 6-9-9, Single Spur 9-9-8, Just Jolly 7-9-6, Gently Does It 6-9-4, Black Sabbath 5-9-4, Master Davenport 6-9-4, True Shot 5-9-4, Relight 6-9-3, First Break 7-9-2, Hipparion 6-9-2, Cold Justice 5-9-1, Vespucci 6-9-0, Charlotson 6-9-0, Staigo 9-8-12, Holomoor Boy 9-8-12, Autoway 5-8-12, Mynfadak 5-8-10, Merry Kerry 9-8-10, Goose Pimple 5-8-9, Marks Boy 8-8-7, Gidi Pass 5-8-7, Virginia Drive 6-8-7, Mount Irvine 6-8-7, Le Jet 6-8-7, Tidal Wave 6-8-7, Sean 4-8-7, Radiant Morn 5-8-7.

Southwell programme

12.45 JUNIOR HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £435: 2m)

1 004210 Barney's Island (D), P. Felgate, 11-5 .... J. Pearce
3 012230 Star Music (D), L. Furman, 11-5 .... R. Goldstein 7
4 021430 True Diver, S. Holland, 11-5 .... R. Davies
7 00 Casarri, W. Holden, 10-12 .... J. Barlow 5
10 04 Gay Twenties, Rex Carter, 10-12 .... D. Briscoe
11 00030 Gold TV, W. Clay, 10-12 .... N. Clay
14 200 Kanstyle, G. Blum, 10-12 .... —
17 004 Malaysian Rubber, M. W. Easterby, 10-12 .... C. Tinkler
18 0000 Marshall, Mrs P. Sly, 10-12 .... D. Sunderland
19 009 Merchant Tubbs, H. Collingridge, 10-12 .... J. O'Neill
20 000 Moor Close, S. Palmer, 10-12 .... P. Tuck 7
21 103 Naval Victory, R. Hollinshead, 10-12 .... C. Astbury
22 fp Peacock Vain, J. Welch, 10-12 .... D. Cooper 7
24 f3 Pretty Girl, H. Westbrook, 10-12 .... S. Smith-Eccles
27 Starlight Lad, R. Bethell, 10-12 .... M. Lowry 3
28 0f Tilinga, D. Weeden, 10-12 .... M. Stanley
29 000 Tikki, B. Richmond, 10-12 .... M. O'Shea 5
30 04 Velvet Boy, A. Smith, 10-12 .... N. Tinkler

4-1 Velvet Boy, 5-1 True Diver, 6-1 Star Music, 7-1 Gay Twenties, 8-1 Kanstyle, Naval Victory, 12-1 Malaysian Rubber, Pretty Girl, Merchant Tubbs, 14-1 Gold TV, 20-1 others.

1.15 SYERSTON HURDLE (5-y-o: £357: 2m)

2 0110-00 Lerazma (D), J. Hardy, 11-5 .... N. Tinkler
4 030100- Amber Sam, W. Clay, 11-2 .... N. Clay
6 0-p0321 Lloyd Ardua (D), B. Cambidge, 11-2 .... C. Jones
7 Bad But Beautiful, H. Harper, 10-11 .... Mr R. Harper 7
8 00-0000 Fatton, J. Bradley, 10-11 .... M. Williams
9 0-0 Forty Thieves, P. Felgate, 10-11 .... J. Pearce
11 004 Miss Plumes, S. Holland, 10-11 .... S. Holland
12 00f400 Roaming Minstrel, R. Hollinshead, 10-11 .... C. Astbury

10-11 Lloyd Ardua, 9-2 Lerazma, 6-1 Miss Plumes, 10-1 Roaming Minstrel, Amber Sam, 14-1 Forty Thieves, 20-1 others.

1.45 MARKET-DAY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,044: 3m 110yd)

5 22-0280 Moorabinda (C), H. Hammer, 8-11-6 .... Mr E. Hammer 7
8 00110-0 Fine Talk, B. Wilkinson, 9-11-3 .... A. Harrison 7
9 3f3u20 Yellow Stone (CD), G. Vergette, 8-11-1 .... P. Kelly
004p-p4 Guinea Model, Mrs J. French, 11-10-11 .... Mrs S. French 7
420000 Canonbie Key, C. Hoyle, 11-10-7 .... K. Gray
0p-ff Master Bivouac, Miss A. Hill-Wood, 9-10-3 .... D. Sunderland
04-0 My Captain, D. Morley, 9-10-3 .... B. Davies

5-4 Yellow Stone, 3-1 My Captain, 6-1 Fine Talk, 8-1 Canonbie Key, 12-1 Moorabinda, 14-1 Master Bivouac, 25-1 Guinea Model.

.15 THORPE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £818: 2m 74yd)

1 3100-40 Spanish Tan, D. Morley, 10-12-7 .... B. Davies
5 103-400 Roc Imp (CD), J. Bradley, 7-10-9 .... M. Williams
7 1e-0p0 Hilarity, J. Harris, 7-10-0 .... D. Sunderland
9 20-3p4u Our Arthur, S. Underhill, 12-10-0 .... R. Mann
10 134222 Dornie, P. Arthur, 8-10-0 .... C. Candy

8-11 Spanish Tan, 4-1 Our Arthur, 13-2 Dornie, 8-1 Roc Imp, 16-1 Hilarity.

2.45 CROMWELL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,002: 2½m)

1 01-p000 Tragus (D), D. Morley, 6-12-0 .... B. Davies
5 0-00100 Sandy Hill, J. Welch, 6-11-0 .... D. Cooper 7
7 414140 Grinling Gibbons, G. Vergotte, 6-10-10 .... P. Kelly
8 10-0340 Slap Happy, J. Hardy, 5-10-9 .... N. Tinkler
9 0-00004 Linden Dolly (C,D), D. Wintle, 5-10-8 .... R. Hyett
11 002130 Dear Remus (CD), J. Harris, 6-10-4 .... P. Tuck 7
13 000034 Maygo (C), A. Sutton, 6-10-3 .... P. Barry 5
14 001-030 Statfold Pride, W. Wharton, 5-10-0 .... C. Tinkler
15 000430 River Belle (D), H. Ford, 5-10-0 .... J. O'Neill
16 100011 Tumble Rock (D), J. Haine, 7-10-0 .... A. Carroll
17 200-040 Bonny Royal, W. Whiston, 10-10-0 .... R. Davies
20 00-00 Grange Prince (C), W. Buxon, 6-10-0 .... O. Sherman 7
23 00fp-40 Loong Kei, P. Arthur, 6-10-0 .... N. Walker 7

4-1 Grinling Gibbons, 11-2 Tragus, 6-1 Slap Happy, 8-1 Dear Remus, River Belle, Statfold Pride, 12-1 Tumble Rock, 14-1 Sandy Hill, Linden Dolly, 16-1 Bonny Royal, Maygo, 20-1 others.

3.15 JUNIOR HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £437: 2m)

1 03141 French Saint (CD), D. Morley, 11-12 .... B. Davies
2 142004 Before Eight (D), A. Rumsey, 11-5 .... M. Charlesworth 7
3 u00 Aberklair, A. Smith, 10-12 .... N. Tinkler
4 0 Another Spring, R. Knipe, 10-12 .... Mr E. Woods 7
6 00 Chella, G. Blum, 10-12 .... —
7 0 Cider Drinker, P. Makin, 10-12 .... —
8 Clans, E. Jones, 10-12 .... J. Barlow 5
12 0000 Glenfern, K. Bridgwater, 10-12 .... —
13 0f Gold Bar, W. Clay, 10-12 .... N. Clay
14 4 Heron's Copper, J. Peacock, 10-12 .... R. Crank
16 0 Inca Princess, B. Cambidge, 10-12 .... Mr J. Cambidge 7
17 0 Le Doran, W. Clay, 10-12 .... M. Elliott 7
18 0 Le Pretendant, C. Dingwall, 10-12 .... J. O'Neill
22 0020 Red Clip, J. Gilbert, 10-12 .... S. O'Neill 5
24 0 Sovereign Lane, E. Jones, 10-12 .... R. Hyett
25 f Tudor King, D. Jermy, 10-12 .... I. Garner 7
37 00 Woburn, C. Bewicke, 10-12 .... J. King

6-4 French Saint, 6-1 Le Pretendant, 7-1 Before Eight, 10-1 Red Clip, 12-1 Clans, Heron's Copper, Aberklair, 16-1 Sovereign Lane, Woburn, Le Doran, 20-1 others.

Southwell selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.45 Gay Twenties. 1.15 Lerazma. 1.45 Fine Talk. 2.15 Spanish Tan. 2.45 Tragus. 3.15 French Saint.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
12.45 Pretty Girl. 1.45 My Captain. 2.15 Spanish Tan. 2.45 Tragus. 3.15 French Saint.

Wincanton programme

.0 NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £556: 2m)

Argosa, G. Kindersley, 5-11-3 .... R. R. Evans
2 0 Authors Daughter, S. Mellor, 5-11-3 .... P. Blacker
4 0p00-00 Bold Gerard, D. Gandolfo, 5-11-3 .... P. Barton
5 002-000 Bold Lord, D. Nicholson, 5-11-3 .... J. Suthern
6 00 Bridge Ash, J. Johnson, 5-11-3 .... Mr J. Johnson 7
8 0040- Coral King, H. Webb, 5-11-3 .... T. F. Davies 7
40 Royal Conductor, G. Balding, 6-11-3 .... R. Linley
000 Rugger Dance, W. Fisher, 5-11-3 .... R. Atkins
00 Tudor Waltz, C. Hill, 7-11-3 .... G. Thorner
02 Venges Brake, R. Head, 5-11-3 .... J. Francome
0 Woodland Warning, P. Cundell, 8-11-3 .... M. O'Halloran
-0 Word of Honour, L. Kennard, 6-11-3 .... G. McCourt
0 Kareba, G. Kindersley, 4-10-3 .... C. Watkins 7
004 Mr Bunny, J. Old, 4-10-3 .... —

9-4 Venges Brake, 7-2 Royal Conductor, 9-2 Kareba, 6-1 Word of Honour, 1 Bold Lord, 10-1 Coral King, 12-1 Authors Daughter, 16-1 others.

.0 RED LION HOTEL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,017: 2m 5f)

1-30032 Catagore (C), Mrs E. Kennard, 10-11-8 .... P. Richards 3
3-n3321 Joint Venture (C-D), J. Old, 9-11-5 .... R. R. Evans
244 Charlie Mouse (C-D), T. Forster, 9-11-4 .... G. Thorner
0-p21p2 Calculator, R. Isgar, 8-10-5 .... Mr R. Isgar 7
211111 Levantine, L. Kennard, 9-10-4 .... Mr A. Walter 5
p13-00 My Babby, E. Evans, 8-10-0 .... Mr I. Johnson 7
011100 Young Steve (D), H. Payne, 10-10-0 .... P. Hobbs
3fppp-0 Good Relations, Mrs D. Oughton, 9-10-0 .... N. Holman 5

-4 Levantine, 7-2 Charlie Mouse, 9-2 Joint Venture, 6-1 Catagore, 7-1 culator, 8-1 Young Steve, 12-1 others.

LILLO LUMB STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,088: 3m 1f)

0-40322 Arctic Heir, J. Thorne, 9-11-7 .... P. Hobbs
10-011f Coffee Bean (C.D), T. Forster, 8-11-2 .... G. Thorner
01-41p4 Free Motion (C-D), D. Nicholson, 7-10-2 .... R. Mangan
pf Monkstown, H. Handel, 10-10-0 .... Mr M. Reeves
0pfp Courting Tree, W. Sleeman, 8-10-0 .... I. Flower 7

-4 Arctic Heir, 2-1 Coffee Bean, 11-4 Free Motion, 10-1 Monkstown, 25-1 -rting Tree.

.0 JOHN BULL STEEPLECHASE (£1,489: 2m 5f)

2001 Royal Frolic, F. Rimell, 9-12-0 .... J. Burke
1-33033 Royal Marshal II (C-D), T. Forster, 11-12-0 .... G. Thorner
121321 Irelands Owen (D), J. Edwards, 9-11-6 .... P. Blacker

-6 Royal Frolic, 2-1 Royal Marshal II, 5-1 Irelands Owen.

3.0 JAMBOREE HURDLE (Handicap: £953: 2m)

501 14000-0 Paemako Prince (D), P. Bailey, 10-12-7 .... L. Walkinson
502 32-0131 Rusthall, F. Walwyn, 5-11-8 .... K. Mooney 5
503 444-244 Fisherman's Cot (D), Mrs E. Kennard, 7-11-7 .... P. Richards
504 214000 Gay Signal (D), D. Nugent, 6-11-4 .... S. Jobar
505 211040- Palaestrina (D), R. Vibert, 5-10-10 .... G. Thorner
506 0-043 Barmitzvah Boy (D), W. Price, 9-10-7 .... John Williams
508 2404-f0 Marks Boy (D), A. Jones, 8-10-6 .... G. Wilkins 7
509 044440 Kuanu, L. Kennard, 5-10-5 .... G. McCourt
510 343-311 Hipparion (D), S. Mellor, 6-10-0 .... J. Rowe 7
511 010-423 Court Melody, W. Fisher, 8-10-0 .... R. Atkins
512 32f13-0 Fortune Cookie (C-D), G. Balding, 6-10-0 .... R. Linley
513 0-40202 Pick Me (D), R. Hawker, 6-10-0 .... Mr A. Walter 7
515 0-44p32 Tranby, H. Payne, 7-10-0 .... I. Flower 7
519 2-00400 Button Boy (D), N. Ayliffe, 5-10-0 .... M. Ayliffe 7
520 00- Sackville, D. Gandolfo, 6-10-0 .... P. Barton
522 01-0000 Sanctums Gift, Mrs L. Dingwall, 9-10-0 .... S. Owen 7
525 La Chica, M. Davies, 8-10-0 .... R. R. Evans

9-2 Hipparion, 11-2 Rusthall, 8-1 Court Melody, Gay Signal, 9-1 Fisherman's Cot, 10-1 Fortune Cookie, Kuanu, 12-1 Palaestrina, Barmitzvah Boy, Tranby, 14-1 Paemako Prince, 16-1 others.

3.30 NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £558: 2m)

601 0-000 Abrus, D. Gandolfo, 5-11-3 .... P. Barton
602 p04 All Bright, D. Nicholson, 6-11-3 .... J. Davies 7
603 00-22 Baldur, S. Mellor, 7-11-3 .... P. Blacker
606 u-3f4 Chevulgan, R. Armytage, 5-11-3 .... H. J. Evans
607 00- Harwell Banquet, C. Davies, 7-11-3 .... C. Jones 3
609 043032 Hether Fox, J. Haine, 5-11-3 .... —
610 002 Hunters Joy, P. Bailey, 6-11-3 .... R. Champion
613 f Manbulloo, D. Nicholson, 5-11-3 .... J. Suthern
614 002 Portella, H. Payne, 5-11-3 .... I. Flower 7
615 0 Sheric Boy, J. Perrett, 5-11-3 .... L. Griffiths
616 0-0 Sing Hosanna, Miss P. Neal, 5-11-3 .... Mr I. McKie 7
618 00 Bad Love, J. Old, 4-10-3 .... R. Atkins
619 Bulging Pockets, N. Gaselee, 4-10-3 .... J. Smith 5
621 004f Frozen Tiger, G. Balding, 4-10-3 .... R. Linley
623 0 Reliable Robert, R. Armytage, 4-10-3 .... S. Parkyn
625 0 White Lancer, J. Wright, 4-10-3 .... G. McCourt

9-4 Baldur, 7-2 Hunters Joy, 9-2 Portella, 6-1 Hether Fox, 8-1 All Bright, 10-1 Frozen Tiger, 13-1 White Lancer, 16-1 others.

Wincanton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Venges Brake. 1.30 Levantine. 2.0 Coffee Bean. 2.30 Royal Marshal II. 3.0 Hipparion. 3.30 BALDUR is specially recommended.

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(1.3) DEER PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £807: 2m 5f 10yds)
..ybey, b g, by Manicou—..erydown Girl (F. Pullen), -12-8 ...... R. Rowe (7-4) 1
..dham .. K. Mooney (12-1) 2
.. God .... P. Burgoyne (7-2) 3
..LSO RAN: Evens fav Lochus (4th). ..n.
..TE: Win, 44p; dual forecast, ..9. J. Gifford, at Findon. 12l, hd.

(1.34) LONGWATER HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £506: 2m)
..elly, b c, by Irish Ball—Gala ..oney (Bulgin's), 4-10-3
C. Candy (3-5 fav) 1
..Braes .. J. Francome (9-2) 2
..con Silk P. J. Kelly (10-1) 3
..SO RAN: 10-1 Ballyglass, Killary (4th). 11-1 Jocks Bond, 16-1 Heather, 30-1 Ambor River (f), ..a North (p), 33-1 Festival Hall, ..hill, Aktsuba. 12 ran.
..TE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, 11p, dual forecast, 23p. J. Old at ..tore. 12l, 12l. Outburst did not

(2.2) WELL TO DO STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £876: 3m 190yds)
..nowman, b g, by Arctic Slave—..Royal Maiden (Lord Leverhulme), 9-11-11
G. Thorner (evens fav) 1
..m .... R. R. Evans (50-1) 2
..Shadow .. P. Barton (4-1) 3
..SO RAN: 6-4 Salviati (f). 4 ran.
..TE: Win, 18p; dual forecast, .. T. Forster at Wantage. 4l, 3l.

(2.3) WATERHALL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £652: 2m)
..Yee, gr g, by Cumshaw—..cony (P. Howling), 8-11-3
R. Atkins (4-1) 1
Valmony .... B. Davies (7-4 fav) 2
Fighting Cock H. J. Evans (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 Cinchid (4th), 10-1 Dimaraise, 12-1 Tagliatello (f), 14-1 Dalloway, 20-1 Java, Fox, 25-1 Whistling Swan, Rod Spot, Blasta (f). 11 ran
TOTE: Win, 65p; places, 11p, 17p, 35p; dual forecast, 74p. R. Carter, at Swaffham. 10l, 1½l. Flying Poppy did not run.

3.0 (3..) BROADWATER HURDLE (Handicap: £656: 2m)
Gaffer, b g by Giolla Mear—Bavella (R. Watts), 6-10-12
W. Smith (8-11 fav) 1
Fighting Taffy P. Burgoyne (9-1) 2
Colonel Nelson .. A. Webb (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Princess Arcade (4th), 6-1 Archbold, 10-1 Charlotson, Jave River, 12-1 More Luck, Stevens Boy, 20-1 Santellis, 33-1 Take It Easy. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 26p, 5op, 30p; dual forecast, £6.52. F. Walwyn, at Lambourne. 6l, 10l.

3.30 (3.32) LONGWATER HURDLE (Div II: £500: 2m)
Case Study, b h, by Reliance II—Kaisaerin (J. Joseph), 5-10-9
K. Hayward (100-30) 1
Tudor Raff .... G. Thorner (9-1) 2
Killulagh Jack R. Champion (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Lantern Boy, 15-8 Oeedipus (4th), 14-1 Targlin (p), 16-1 Sutherland's Law, 33-1 Barnby Broad (p). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 33p, 19p, 26p; dual forecast, £6.41. J. Joseph, at Amersham. ¾l, 10l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Mr Snowman, Gaffer, £3.70. TREBLE: Mackelly, Lok Yee, Case Study, £6.55. Paid on first two legs.

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12.45 (12.48) COLDSTREAM HURDLE (Div I: novices: £484: 2m)
Melanna, br m, by Highland Melody—Vonanna (Mrs M. Young), 5-10-8 ...... M. Ennis (33-1) 1
Vidkun ...... J. Errington (7-1) 2
Satan's Serenade, M. Dickinson (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Great Echo (f), 8-1 Glendaruel, 10-1 Hydrographic (4th), 12-1 Seven Stars, 20-1 Samburu, 33-1 Meadows House (p), Hatfield Heath, Bay Corniche, Cashea. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.72; places, £1.63, 57p, 11p; dual forecast (winner with any other horse), 74p. T. Craig, at Dunbar. 2l, 2l. Yellow Star did not run.

1.15 (1.18) DUNS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £858: 2m 196yds)
Tumbeleena, b m, by Blandford Lad—Tabatha Twitchet (Mrs T. Dun), 10-10-2 car 10-3
Mr T. G. Dun (9-4) 1
Crofton Hall, J. J. O'Neill (2-5 fav) 2
TOTE: Win, 58p. T. Dun, at Heriot. 25l. 2 ran.

1.45 (1.48) GRANTSHOUSE HURDLE (Handicap: £651: 2m)
Igloo Fire, ch g, by Firestreak—Igloo Maid (J. Britton), 5-12-4
R. Lamb (evens fav) 1
Lordi .... M. Barnes (16-1) 2
John McNab, N. Balmer (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Golden End (4th), 14-1 Red Saint, Candid Poet, 25-1 Carmoni Prince (p), 33-1 Canvey Island. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 18p, 39p; dual forecast, £1.30. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 2l, 5l.

2.15 (2.16) SWINTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £789: 3m)
Stag Party, ch g, by Royal Buck—Santa Belle (Exors of the late Mrs I. Pitman), 10-10-13
C. Hawkins (7-2) 1
Tragarron .... R. Barry (15-8) 2
Little Swift .. A. Dickman (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Skiddaw View (f). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; dual forecast, 16p. B. Wilkinson, at Middleham. Sh hd, bad.

2.45 (2.46) DRYBURGH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £623: 2m 196yd)
Brother Will, br g, by Will Somers—Sindys Sister (F. Scott), 6-11-7
G. Faulkner (8-11 fav) 1
Tangles Brother J. J. O'Neill (2-1) 2
Village Dusky .. A. Dickman (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 14p; dual forecast, 17p. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 5l, 12l. 3 ran.

3.15 (3.16) COLDSTREAM HURDLE (Div II: novices: £480: 2m)
Highland Spice, br g, by Highland Melody—Sugar Sweet (Mrs F. Walton), 5-10-10
Mr J. Walton (9-4 fav) 1
Allerdale .. D. Goulding (6-1) 2
Tears of Joy J. J. O'Neill (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Bitter End, 11-4 Nashita, 16-1 Wenceslas (4th), 20-1 Cheviot Guide (f), 33-1 Master Teddy, Moving Spirit (f), Gun Shy (ro), Singing Span. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 11p, 21p, 21p; dual forecast, £2.13. F. Walton, at Morpeth. 2l, 5l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Igloo Fire and Brother Will, £3.65. TOTE TREBLE: Tumbeleena, Stag Party and Highland Spice, £19.55.

Hockey

Spencer trace out victory path in rain

By Sydney Friskin
London University 0 Spencer 1

In spite of bad weather London University and Spencer decided to play their London League hockey match at Motspur Park yesterday. The result put Spencer firmly in fourth place on the table, which represents good progress considering they were in twifth position a month ago.

The match was a tests of endurance for both sides, defensively so for London who were held under considerable pressure for long periods. It rained steadilly all through and there were several wet patches in the middle of the field. Frozen fingers sent the ball in directions other than intended and dribbling was out of the question.

London showed the way by taking the route to goal along the flanks, but their lack of skill up front was a handicap and their plight was worsened when they lost Clarke, one of their strikers, who was hit in the face by a rising ball and could not resume play.

Still, London put on such a stubborn defence with Bateman having a great game in goal that Spencer became extremely worried over their inability to score. They had wasted a penalty stroke in the first half and when Orsborn scrambled the ball into the net to obtain the winning goal there was barely a minute left. They had also squandered nine short corners.

Plaha, on the left wing, was the best of Spencer's forwards, probably because he was able to exercise more control in less congested territory. Kullar showed flashes of artistry in the middle, but Wallace soon kept a close watch over him. Kullar had the misfortune to miss the penalty stroke which was awarded about midway in the first half a split second before Orsborn had scooped the ball into the net. The award was against Bateman who committed obstruction, but he made amends by saving with his stick.

The second half belonged almost entirely to Spencer although they had a few moments of anxiety when Mills kept breaking through for London on the left. He appeared sometimes on the right and one of his runs earned London a short corner from which a strong hit by Cairns was well saved by Cottam.

London's resistance was finally broken in approaching darkness. A short rorner taken from the line by Dosaj, who also had a good game for Spencer, led to a scramble and the unprotected Bateman had no hope once Orsborn seized a backpass to score.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: *R. Bateman (King's College Hospital); A. Isbister (Charing Cross Hospital), G. Powell (St Thomas' Hospital), S. Malthouse (St Thomas' Hospital), A. Cairns (St Thomas' Hospital), *H. Watson (Bedford), T. Friday (King's), *A. Wallace (Queen Mary College, captain), N. Clarke (SSEES), C. Hunt (The London Hospital), R. Mills (Goldsmith).

SPENCER: P. Cottam; R. Horst (captain), R. Prior, S. Taigri, M. Symms, I. Dray, S. Dosaj, C. Orsborn, I. S. Kullar, B. Butt, P. Plaha.

Umpires: M. Lilburn and M. McKay (Southern Counties).

* A Purple.

Fitzpatrick comes in for injured Byrne

Ned Byrne, a Blackrock prop forward, has withdrawn from Ireland's team to play Scotland in their opening international match of the season at Lansdowne Road on January 21 because of a knee injury. He is replaced by Mick Fitzpatrick who will be one of five new caps in the side.

Byrne is expected to be fit to play against France in Paris on February 18. Gerry McLoughlin is brought in to take Fitzpatrick's place on the substitute's bench.

Neil Bennett, who missed London Welsh's match at Northampton last week because of influenza, returns at stand-off half against Bath at Old Deer Park on Saturday. He replaces Clements and the only other change is at centre where Hughes comes in for Williams, who is named at reserve.

Coventry, who beat Neath on Saturday, make one change at wing forward for this week's home match against Bristol. Oliver comes in for Clarke in the back row. Rossborough, who has recovered from a wrist injury, Preece and Evans are included in the second team at Selby.

Off the screen

Berne, Jan 11.—Swiss skiing followers will be unable to see world cup races in Austria next week on television because of a self-imposed ban by the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation. The corporation said that they, France, West Germany and Denmark had decided not to broadcast the tvents at Bad Gastein and Kitzbühel

Cresta Run

ST MORITZ: Bathurst Challenge Cup (handicap race on age): 1, G. Kaegi, 131.85; 2, C. Nater, 122.30; 3, N. Bibbia (Italy), 128.98; 4, B. Bischofberger, 133.73; 5, G. Bass, 134.43; 6, C. Nater, jnr, 137.10. British placings: 9, R. Lycett-Green.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 7, Colorado Rockies 4; New York Rangers 3, Boston Bruins 2. WORLD ASSOCIATION: Quebec Nordiques 6, Birmingham Bulls 4.

Walsall cash in

Walsall have rearranged a third divison home game to help them cash in on their FA Cup run. The match against Tranmere Rovers has been brought forward to next Tuesday night from March 24, which will enable Walsall to sell tickets for their all-ticket fourth round FA Cup tie with Leicester City at Fellows Park on January 28.

Skiing

Mrs Moser puts up best time on new course

Les Diablerets, Switzerland, Jan 11.—Anne-Marie Moser, of Austria and the current leader in this season's World Cup standings, recorded the best time of 1min 32.16sec when training began today for Fdiday's downhil here. Mrs Moser, the downhill specialist and the favourite to win on Friday, completed the 2,000 metre La Jorasse course at an average speed of 51.27 mph.

The second best time was recorded by Brigitte Habersatter in 1min 32.27sec with Hanni Wenzel second in the overall standings, third in 1min 33.19sec. The new piste, with a 505-metre drop, will be used for the first time on Friday.

It is a hard, well-prepared course filled with tricky curves and is likely to be mastered best by technical experts rather than by the fighters among the entries.

LEADING TIMES: 1, A. Moser (Austria), 1min 32.16sec; 2, B. Habersatter (Austria), 1:32.27; 3, H. Wenzel (Lichtenstein), 1:33.19; 4, M. Kaserer (Austria), 1:33.80; 5, E. Maious (Iran), 1:33.91; 6, K. Kreiner (Canada), 1:34.85; 7, B. Zurbriggen (Switzerland), 1:34.88; 8, D. de Agostini (Switzerland), 1:35.13; 9, C. Nelson (US) and M. Liouche (France), 1:35.20.—Agencies.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Davos	25	80	Good	Varied	Fair	Cloud	0
More snow forecast							
Flaine	40	140	Good	Powder	Good	Snowing	-8
Snowing heavily all day							
Isola 2000	70	110	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	2
Hard pack snow, icy patches							
Les Menuires	24	140	Fair	Varied	Fair	Cloud	0
High wind, snowing slightly							
Saes-Fee	30	120	Good	Varied	Poor	Snowing	-10
Lower slopes worn and icy							
Seefeld	60	80	Fair	Heavy	Fair	Cloud	-5
Worn patches on pistes							
Val d'Isere	35	95	Fair	Varied	Fair	Cloud	-2
Light snow and high winds							
Wengen	10	30	Worn	Varied	Poor	Cloud	0
Windy, Scheidegg runs closed							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
NORWAY					
Finse	130	145	Good	—	-15
Gello	60	70	Good	—	-11
Gol	50	50	Good	—	-13
Lillehammer	20	70	Fair	—	-12
Norefjell	95	105	Good	—	-6
Oslo	60	90	Fair	—	-8
Rjukan	60	70	Good	—	-13
Voss	60	80	Good	—	-5
AUSTRIA					
Alpbach	20	50	Good	—	-4
Axamer-Lizum	—	65	Good	—	-5
Badgastein	20	70	Good	—	-2
Berwang	50	80	Good	—	-7
Gargellen	60	110	Good	—	-2
Hochsolden	15	70	Good	—	-5
Igls	10	25	Good	—	-7
Ischgl	40	90	Good	—	-8
Kaprun	—	180	Good	—	-13
Kitzbuhel	25	100	Good	—	-10
Lech	75	115	Good	—	-5
Lienz	10	35	Good	—	-4
Mayrhofen	20	80	Good	—	-6
Mitterndorf	90	190	Good	—	-7
Obergurgl	45	160	Good	—	-5
Saalbach	50	110	Good	—	-10
Schruns	20	70	Good	—	-2
Serfaus	25	75	Good	—	-6
Wildschonau	—	85	Good	—	-5
Zurs	96	120	Good	—	-5
FRANCE					
Alpe d'Huez	50	120	Good	Sun	—
Chamonix	10	250	Good	Sun	—
La Clusaz	36	90	Good	Sun	—
Le Corbier	15	95	Good	Sun	—
Les Deux Alpes	40	670	Good	Sun	—
Les Gets	25	120	Good	Sun	—
Megève	20	90	Good	Sun	—
Méribel	35	95	Good	Sun	—
Morzine	20	120	Good	Sun	—
Pra-Loup	30	60	Good	Sun	—
St Gervais	30	60	Goow	Sun	—

Science report

Cancer: Effect of child-bearing

Recent British research has suggested a reason for an unexplained effect of child-bearing on the risk of breast cancer. A big investigation a few years ago in America showed that the risk decreased with the number of children born. More mysteriously, it seemed to show that early pregnancy can provide long-lasting protection against breast cancer, whereas late pregnancy increases the risk. Sir Peter Medawar and Dr Ruth Hunt, working at the Clinical Research Centre in Harrow, believe the explanation may lie in substances produced by the embryo.

To test that idea they induced cancer in mice by treating them with a cancer-causing chemical, and studied the effect of injections of foetal mouse cells on the number of tumours formed. The injections of foetal cells were given at different times to simulate the conditions of early and late pregnancy. Some mice received foetal cells one or two weeks before treatment with the chemical, some received both foetal cells and the chemical carcinogen at the same time, and some received the foetal cells one or two weeks after the chemical.

The results were remarkable. Mice injected with foetal tissue two weeks before the chemical had, some nine months later, only about one third as many tumours as did mice injected with foetal tissue at the same time as the chemical. On the other hand, if the foetal tissue was injected two weeks after the chemical, nearly twice as many tumours ensued.

Exactly what is behind those effects remains to be discovered. But Sir Peter and Dr Hunt believe that it must involve tissue markers, or antigens, on the foetal cells. Special antigens are known to exist on foetal cells, and it is also known that they can in some cases provoke the immune system to attack the tissues that bear them. The antigens are found only on foetal tissues and tumour tissue. The foetus, however, is protected against the attack by a natural barrier. Hence the attack provoked by the foetal antigens is concentrated on tumours.

Therefore an early injection of foetal tissue, just like an early pregnancy, will prime the body so that an immunological attack can be mounted against a subsequent tumour. But if the tumour predates the foetal priming, then the defence is ineffective. Quite why it should not only be ineffective but actually make things worse is not clear. It is worth noting, however, that any therapeutic measures against cancer that acted by way of the same immunological defence system as the foetal antigens would have to be taken before, and certainly not after, the tumour first arose.

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THE ARTS

Mainly Schubert
Queen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

This year's Schubert festivities are not two weeks gone but already they have begun to raise unforseen difficulties, emphasized by Tuesday night's concert in the South Bank "Mainly Schubert" series, but prompted earlier by other radio and record listening. Schubert's music is so naturally musical that a sympathetic interpreter must, one had supposed, communicate it aright without more than physical effort. Evidently that is not so, and some of us have to try hard in 1978 to perform Schubert as naturally and easily, and as comprehensively, as his music was meant to sound, whether sociable, dramatic, introspectively melancholy, or late-flowering Viennese classically poised in manner.

It was that hedonistic masterpiece, Schubert's Trout Quintet, which prompted these unsuitably grave reflections. There in the Queen Elizabeth Hall was Joseph Kalichstein, who had just given a buoyant but not thoughtless account of Beethoven's G major piano sonata, Op 14, no. 2. There were the Lindsay String Quartet, an excellent group, though they had hardly plumbed the depths of Schubert's A minor quartet (their rendering of the minuet seemed almost casual); for the second half of the programme they had recruited Rodney Slatford on the double bass.

In the Trout Quintet the double bass has to work hard but undemonstratively. Mr Slatford's contribution, by its precision and nuance and sensibility, showed up the failings of his colleagues, though Mr Kalichstein, somewhat laggard in the first movement, later found the correct touch, bird-like in the treble register, yet expressive and thoughtful, *Vogel als Prophet* (to borrow a phrase from Schumann).

As an ensemble, their interpretation was unequal: the first movement's development is more eventful than they suggested, the Andante more athletic, the Scherzo less effortful. As the variations proceeded their corporate musicianship took wing and the music blossomed; but the finale showed how vital in Schubert are note-values, perfect ensemble, and appreciative phrasing, because they were so often half-ignored.

Beverly Sills to retire in 1980

New York, Jan 9.—Beverly Sills announced today she will retire in 1980 to take up co-direction of the New York City Opera Company in which she has starred for nearly 25 years.

The coloratura told a press conference, "I'll be 51 in 1980. I have no more operas left that I want to sing.—Reuter.

Park Lane Group
Purcell Room

Max Harrison

Tuesday's programme in the Park Lane Group's "Young Artists" series was as bold and diverse as many of its predecessors have been. It began with *The Incongruous Beast*, a setting by Robert Walker of a passage from Nikos Kazantzakis's autobiography, "Report to Greco". This was extremely agitated and insistent, and David Wilson-Johnson and David Owen Norris gave vigorous accounts of its demanding baritone and piano parts. But it was like being addressed by someone constantly shouting at the top of his voice, and that is not the impression left by Kazantzakis's subtle and ironic text.

One might have expected a comparable monotony from Richard Rodney Bennett's *Tenebrae*, a group of five settings of gloomy verse by Nashe, Donne and others that are subtitled "aspects of death". Yet in fact this is a vividly imagined cycle with a considerable variety of gesture, and, I have for several years felt, one of the finest things Bennett has done. Mr Wilson-Johnson and Mr Norris gave it a performance of great intensity, so that, surprisingly, Berg's Four Songs, Op 2, seemed wan in comparison.

Bennett is the featured composer in this year's Park Lane Group series, and he was also represented by his Five Studies for piano, a substantial set of pieces that are challenging both musically and pianistically, and of which Jana Frenklova gave an aptly decisive reading. To this she added Stravinsky's Serenade, which is not the easiest music to render sympathetically.

Miss Frenklova managed to convey the wit as well as the cleverness of all four movements, however, although she was at her best in Janacek. While difficult to play, the four pieces of his *In the Mists* cycle are more pianistic than the Stravinsky, and Miss Frenklova invested these intimate, grieving, often declamatory pages with considerable atmosphere.



Horowitz applauds the orchestra after the concert

Horowitz comes back to the concert platform

Vladimir Horowitz's first orchestral concert in a quarter-century (on January 8) was, predictably, the Event of the New York winter, at least in music. What made it important was that music triumphed over the trappings. The trappings were certainly in evidence: Horowitz with an orchestra (the New York Philharmonic), Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philharmonic for the first time in a quarter-century, at Carnegie Hall rather than Avery Fisher Hall, in honour of the Golden Jubilee of Horowitz's American debut (*with the same orchestra*) on January 12, 1928. It was a sold-out benefit, with a huge dollar gross, and a message from the President to Horowitz.

After Beethoven's *Egmont* Overture and Symphony No 7, Horowitz played the Rachmaninov third piano concerto, which he will repeat next month in California with Mehta and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. The qualities so identified with Horowitz were ever-present: the Steinway strung to the breaking-point of razor sharpness, the tensile linearity of the playing, so completely unlike that of any other pianist, the subsuming of all aspects of his performance.—individualized rubarto, gruppetti hurled from the piano, crystalline runs—to a continual, on-going musical line. The leanness of the playing had about it a patrician sardonicism (quite appropriate for Rachmaninov), a sort of iceberg grandeur which was nevertheless kept always alive by the ferocity of the attacks and by the grace of the phrasing.

Yet what finally burned into the mind was less the technical wizardry than Horowitz's total command of the piece. Rachmaninov's third piano concerto is a problematic work, susceptible to bravura on one hand and to episodic disintegration on the other. Horowitz created it anew. He began the first movement in an almost off-hand way, using the simple germinal theme as a means to burrow into the musical argument. The Intermezzo saw piano and orchestra on an equal footing, yet controlled by the piano's flexible steel line. By the third movement—that notorious rhetorical grab-bag of romantic posturings—the piano had established dominance, yet always a dominance securely yoked to the orchestra while driving it forward with lithe, relentless and varied energy.

This whippet reading thus gave the concerto a continuity it rarely achieves and a succinct inevitability it never had before. The constant tension of Horowitz's reading was abetted, curiously, by another sort of tension. This was the very real contrast between the austerity of Horowitz's playing and the more traditional late-romantic warmth of Ormandy's conducting. This seeming disparity served to fuse rather than to divide the work.

Just before the crashing finale, Horowitz looked up from the keyboard and caught Ormandy's eye. That inimitable smile spread over his face, and Ormandy beamed in return: two veteran warriors in full knowledge and appreciation of what they had accomplished. It was a fitting moment; the recording, which will follow, will only hint at the magic of the event.

Patrick J. Smith

Play for Today
BBC 1

Michael Ratcliffe

David Hare's *Licking Hitler* began with unnerving brilliance. As the British Army moved with apparent purpose into a *golden Palladian house*, a ferocious Scots voice was heard dictating a speech about the flight of Rudolf Hess, and a stone-deaf old gentleman made mimic gestures of heartbreak at the bottom of the stairs. The speech grew ever more violent and disgusted, defending the Führer and ending with the words "I cry for Germany". The old gentleman was lending his house to the war effort and departed, with the Scotsman's smiling curse, to spend the duration in Eaton Square. Clearly something unusual was about to take place.

The task of what Mr Hare described as a Research Unit of Political Warfare Executive was to undermine civilian morale in Germany by transmitting rumours in apparently overheard dialogue—more casual, and therefore more plausible, than conventional propaganda. The unit's most inventive writer was Archie MacLean, a hard-drinking hack who had fought his way into *Fleet Street from the Red Clyde*: Archie's peculiarly manic talents were believed to excuse his appalling behaviour by all the frightfully well bred people in the unit except Anna. Mr Hare being a playwright first and an historian of English social attitudes second, he made Anna—and possibly Archie—fall in love.

They were Beauty and the Beast. On first arriving at the house, the genteel and finely connected Anna could not even make tea, and it was typical of the detail in Kate Nelligan's performance that we could tell instantly from the way she held her pint that she had never drunk beer before. Anna and Archie made up the play's central antithesis: past and future, old and new, south and north Britain. Archie was fighting a terrible battle to get up into the light; Anna had been up there all the time without ever knowing there was anywhere else. Both, in other words, had everything to learn and it was Mr Hare's triumph to invest them lightly with all these symbols while never forgetting the anger behind Archie's wildness and the distress behind Anna's calm.

Having resisted Archie's savage drunken attacks by placing a chair behind her bedroom door, Anna finally succumbed, but the only result of their "thing" was that Anna began painfully to learn the truth while the conditioned Archie went on telling lies. Mr Hare's only concession to slickness was to compress the rest of Anna's moral and political education into a knowing "documentary" postscript, but this apart, David Rose's production and Mr Hare's own direction were impeccably in period and hypersensitive to feeling and mood. There were no weak performances and it will be a long time before I forget Archie MacLean—an interpretation of venomous power and resourcefulness by an actor new to me, *Bill Paterson*. *Mr Hare had* served up a feast of a part and Mr Paterson consumed it in some style.

Festival Ballet in Paris

When Festival Ballet's season at the Festival Hall ends on Saturday the company will go to Paris for a five-week season of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Palais de Sports during which Rudolf Nureyev will dance every performance. Lynn Seymour will play Juliet at some performances and Eva Evdokimova, Patricia Ruanne and Elisabetta Terabust share the others.

While in Paris the company will start rehearsals under Glen Tetley for a new production of his ballet *Greening*, to music by Arne Nordheim, which was created for the Stuttgart Ballet. Festival Ballet's premiere will be at Oxford in early April and the first London showing is expected to be at the Coliseum in June.

Midnight confession

Observers of the contemporary social scene in Germany may have noticed that the sexual revolution, accompanied by West German television, recently took a further step forward, shattering one further tabu. Relatively few observers will have noticed it, though, since it took place after midnight, during the last third of a 90-minute, specialised programme which by its very nature could reckon on only a relatively small audience.

One of the leading creative artists of the second half of the twentieth century, a man of worldwide fame, appeared before a general television audience and in a quiet, unsensational, dignified manner, without pathos or self-pity but not without courage, spoke freely and openly about his existence as a homosexual. This happened during the final section, entitled *Night Conversations*, of an unusually long television portrait made by Peter Hamm of the German composer Hans Werner Henze, since 1953 a resident of Italy.

A foreshadowing of the subsequent direction this television portrait would take came when we heard an excerpt from the *Five Neapolitan Songs* by Henze setting anonymous Neapolitan texts from the seventeenth century: "With tears and toil/I have won this youth. /Now I must watch him/forget his love./To lose one's parents does not/pain so much as to foresake/one's lover./Better he be dead than with/another!"

Discussing his quarter-century of residence in Italy, Henze said, "Slowly and gradually Italian thinking, Italian living and feeling have deeply affected me. I have lived with an Italian friend for 10 years in a reciprocal phase of *éducation sentimentale et culturelle*".

"If I were asked", Henze said towards the end of the portrait, "why I went to Italy, I really would have to answer: above all because there were no laws against people like me and because there I could live my own life — which, by the way, is a very simple and orderly one, except perhaps that I work too much. I wanted to live as I saw fit. It's taken me a very long time to free myself of a sort of trauma which dominated my youth in Nazi Germany and the period after that. Perhaps I'll never be able to free myself of it completely".

"I believe", said Henze on television, "that young Germans today no longer have this problem. They can approve of themselves from the very beginning without being thrown into a concentration camp for it, and perhaps being gassed like gypsies, jews, and other 'degenerate' people. The reason I am only now talking about these things is that my mother would not have been able to cope with such confessions. She was a very simple woman who throughout her life was obsessed by this tremendous fear that the newspapers would one day report that I am homosexual."

Grete Henze, the composer's mother, died a couple of years ago. He composed an unusually beautiful string quartet in her *memory*.

"I can remember", Henze went on, "*Der Spiegel* once had a cover story on me. I saw it at the airport in London and in a sort of panic I bought all the copies and read them immediately just to be able to imagine what my mother would think when she read the article. I was extremely lucky—there was no mention of homosexuality, the same magazine... later ran a large article about homosexuality, the homosexual subculture, and about homosexual artists together with their pictures.

I would have been in very good company, together with Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Shakespeare, Alexander the Great, Frederick the Great, etc., etc., but the thought that my mother would no longer dare to go shopping in Bad Salzuflen [pop 54,000] would have driven me mad. But now my mother is dead, something I regret immensely and from which I suffer greatly. It is not long since she died and I still suffer terribly, especially from the fact that we never could, not once, talk about these things.

"I knew exactly that she knew all about me, but we never talked about it — which meant that I could never talk to my own mother about my private life, about my sorrows and joys, about my real being, for fear that this *netit bourgeois* woman would suffer a nervous collapse. Something like that creates enormous tensions, enormous non-communication in any case.

"Well, now she is no longer alive I can say everything, and I do. I am 50 years old. My entire life I had to hide from my own mother the most important thing in me, the most important thing in any human being—his sexuality, his eroticism.

"A very bitter experience indeed", Hans Werner Henze summed up.

Paul Moor

Private Dick
New End

Irving Wardle

If you can see the author of *Farewell My Lovely* writing something called *Smile and be a Villain*, the rest of this Raymond Chandler parody ought to go down like a bottle of rye.

Getting Pirandellian about it, you might say that Richard Maher and Roger Michell's play is dedicated to the idea that books are cleverer than their authors: and that Chandler's Marlowe was a braver and more thoroughgoing pro than his creator, even if the two do both pick up their glasses in unison and look on their trade with the same jaundiced eye. However, the authors give Chandler a fine slap-down scene with the higher criticism, and confine themselves to the straight technical job of involving him in one of Marlowe's adventures.

To wit, the manuscript of *Smile and be a Villain* has been stolen, and Chandler hires Marlowe to get it back: a task that leads him through the beloved Los Angeles labyrinth of bars, pawnshops and high-toned offices until recognition dawns that we have been witnessing the action of the recovered novel. Needless to say, Chandler did not really want it back: it was a lousy book.

Perhaps the aim was to *satirize the clichés of American* crime fiction. If so, the authors have done their work too well. They have Chandler's style at their fingertips and include all his habitual tricks: the Los Angeles travelogue, the female villain, and Marlowe's habit of confessing to despair and then wiping out the opposition. But as for cliché, what about the wretched cop who says, "When I look in the mirror I see some tough guy I do not even know coming for my throat with a *razor*"? *Chandler would not* have disowned the dialogue.

Private Dick won an Edinburgh Fringe Award for the Cambridge Mummers last year, but for some reason the New End programme nowhere mentions the company. They need not have worried. Mr Michell's production, with its synchronized pantomime, disembodied hatchet faces and virtuoso accelerations, betrays no mark of the amateur; nor do the expertly judged performances of Alan Barker and John Hudson.

Aladdin
Empire, Liverpool

Ned Chaillet

Liverpool is far from theatrically starved with the Playhouse Theatre now imaginatively offering *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *Paddington Bear*, with the Playhouse Upstairs about to present Tom McGrath's and Jimmy Boyle's powerful *The Hardman* and with the Everyman now presenting its annual panto. But Liverpool came close to losing its biggest touring theatre, the Empire, and even now with *Aladdin* packing the house, there are uncertainties about the future.

Some of the worries spring from the fate of the smaller touring theatre, the Royal Court. With the Empire tentatively saved (and badly in need of refurbishing) there are hopes that the Royal Court, considered by many to be more suitable for such companies as D'Oyly Carte, might also be rescued. Supporters of the Empire feel that an active smaller theatre might make both theatres economically impracticable. While I suspect that brilliant management could save any theatre in Britain's larger cities, on the surface that appears a reasonable argument.

But *Aladdin* is hardly brilliant, being a catalogue of television's greatest comedic sins, and its responsive audience shows a Liverpudlian hunger for live entertainment. The framework of a pantomime is still there, with Aladdin as the principal boy, widow Twankey as the Dame and even some traditional rhyming lines for John Gower's wicked wizard, Abanazar.

The rest is a variety show in disguise. Syd Little and Eddie Large, stars of *The Little and Large Teleshow*, are Aladdin's brothers, and the headlining act of the production, though they hardly make for much variety in themselves. Mr Large's monotonous talent is for unleashing a barrage of interruptions, consisting mostly of television and hit parade impersonations and references. They depart from that style in what has come to be a Moss Empire's setpiece of appearing in front of a back-projected film of motorways. Instead of racing dizzily along in a car, however, they keep to the theme by using a rickshaw.

Elsewhere there is impoverished disco choreography by Carole Todd, with perhaps two very good dancers in the chorus, and a blacklight act called The Hot Dogs. There is also a genuinely praiseworthy musical cabaret act by Charlie Cairoli, which elevates the variety portion by several leagues, though Mr Cairoli falls less comfortably into his role as a Chinese policeman.

Such a production is special in a theatrical sense only when it allows the children to mass together and sing or shout in a single voice. Otherwise its simulation of television offers nothing to lure children back as theatregoers in later years. Saving theatres is only part of the problem, even theatres as splendid as the Empire and Royal Court: saving the special quality of theatre performances is beginning to look more difficult.

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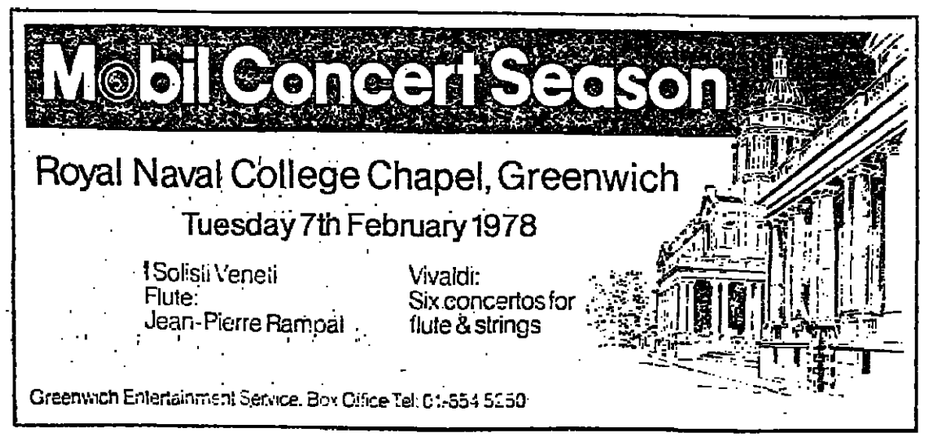
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Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Still going strong in 1978

Mary Farrin: She was one of the first top level designers of the great knitwear explosion 12 years ago. In colours, textures, yarns and above all, in making knitted clothes fit and hang properly, she has been a pioneer. She was launched by Fenwicks, now lives in Monte Carlo, and does three collections, each with a specific handwriting. The classic is Mary Farrin, the modestly priced and highly popular separates group, Designit, and the ravishing and very select range, Number 9, which is sold only through her boutique at Number 9, South Molton Street, W1. I always love this collection, but I do feel the bits and pieces of the outfits ought to be available separately; the look is a very strong one, and could be overwhelming to a lot of women who would prefer to build up gradually from a less exotic whole.

This dress and jacket set, below and right, were designed by Catriona McLean, part of the Mary Farrin designer team. The set, which includes a belt, slip and scarf, costs £175, in blue, pink, brown and black colour mixes.





Living again in 1978

Jeff Banks: He has no formal designer education in fashion: he began with a Fine Art course at Camberwell College in 1963 and changed to textile and interior design at Brixton. In the end he finished neither course because he could see no prospect of employment, and instead, at the age of 19, opened a small textile design studio in Blackheath. Getting into this market was a struggle, and he was forced to look for a way of paying the overheads involved. He had many friends at the RCA who offered to supply him with clothes to sell if he could find premises.

So in 1965 he opened "Clever" with Tony Harlee as his partner in Blackheath. When stock ran short they began to design for themselves, and were astonished by the success they had here and in the United States. They began to produce hand knitwear and a number of shops within stores opened in America. The showroom was moved to Mortimer Street, in central London, where Jeff Banks and Tony Harlee parted company and Jeff Banks International began to produce the famous printed shirts and blouses which, despite their relatively high price, sold in huge numbers—almost one third of a million. He began to develop a whole collection of young high quality fashion goods. In 1974 he moved to a new showroom in Cavendish Place and was on the point of opening a shop of his own in Duke Street when a fire in his warehouse destroyed all his stock of samples, garments and materials. Despite a brave attempt it was impossible to continue, and the company closed.

Starting again, he was helped by the loyalty of his old design team and a man from Holland came up with a free-lance commission. In 1975 he opened another free-lance design studio. Rembrandt asked him to do a Jeff Banks range which has a steadily growing name for quality and flair. He is aiming for a continental style and a strong image.

Photographs by John Swannell

Below: Jeff Banks cool and crumpled for the spring. Loose trousers £45, waistcoat £19, and big shirt £39; all pure linen, mainly in cream and sand colours. Over-sized wool/cotton jacket £44.50, from Jeff Banks shops in Harrods, Harvey Nicholls, Bentalls and Selfridges.





Hoping in 1978

Colin Swift: Formerly Portsmouth Art College, branded punk just now but the sort of talent to move forward. Longs for his own shop, needs experienced advice, support, above all good sympathetic management. Typical of the type of student deemed unacceptable by the sort of courses which have been clobbered by student unrest and recalcitrance. Actually, very talented and pacific. What an irony that so much trouble has been caused in the past year by the least talented and therefore most provileged participators in the design training system. But then, "Passion plucks no berries from the myrtle and the ivy; where there is leisure for rhyming there is little grief", and leisure for politicking, little creative imagination? Johnson, thou should be commenting on design education at this hour.

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Hopes and fears of another year

Not having made any New Year resolutions I am not now, in the second week of 1978, sloughed along with everyone else I seem to meet in a despond of broken ambitions. Indeed my only fashion prognostication for the year, which was that the larger woman would once again be fashionable has been ratified by no less than that crucial barometer of trend, *Harpers Queen*. Not even the exciting prospect of Lord Vaizey "hammering modern design" suggested by the press release for the admirable magazine, *Designer*, which turned out to be no more than Lord Vaizey hammering the cliche and in particular the word "concept" in all its familiar and recondite forms.

I should be the last to suggest that those who write about design should not be creative, so the use of "conceptually" or "conception of design" however often repeated must be greeted with a certain, if baffled enthusiasm. The writer did not seem to me to be hammering design in his piece entitled "What is in fact at issue is a breach of humanity's contract with itself" (sic) but then to be perfectly frank I am not convinced that I understood the gist.

In other directions 1978 looks good for some good designers. Apart from the three we have featured in the pictures today, there is news of Richard Nott, ex-Kingston, into industry, with a big wholesale house, into the recherche end of manufacture with Christopher McDonnell qv then solo, then, "you telephoned me" to the incomparable Valentino in Rome. He worked at the hautest of haut levels for three years, confesses that it taught him everything about style, finish and real glamour in clothes. The Italian craftsmen would work hours and hours to make a design perfect. Back to England he came, did some ad hoc collections, taught at Kingston Polytechnic, formidably brilliant in its output, joined Peter Barron, a vast wholesale company to work on specific ranges and put what I would call the cream on the coffee—Peter Barron qv next week—and has now again started out on his own thing in handmade knitwear.

Back into the mass ken comes Christopher McDonnell, too. Dazzling Christopher, ex-Stafford and the RCA and erstwhile assistant to Clare Rendelsham on *Queen* is now working with Andre Peters, one of the best tailoring houses in the country. McDonnell too has had his ups and downs. His own range and shops, Marrian McDonnell. Then the name was bought by Haw Par in Hongkong, under the Mandarin umbrella. Christopher dashed across the hemispheres delivering elegance and originality. Then the Slater, Walker empire diminished. Now he is back in London. Talented as ever, and we should be the gainers.

More nice news for 1978 and hopeful designers. Lucille Lewin, ex-Harvey Nicholls, has started up a shop called Whistles at 81 George St and 111 Walton St and is determined to support young, unknown British design. To date she stocks, among others, Jennifer Kiernan, Annie Hymers, Barry Hankinson, Cathy Waller, Chrissie Walsh and Sarah Dallas. She has the right idea. "I try to introduce customers to a designer bit by bit, not force them into a whole look, all at once. You shouldn't bloat yourself on clothes." Her mark-up is modest, her commitment laudable.

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Ronald Butt

Into 1978—and a surrealist new year to us all

A bizarre month indeed, what with the skateboarders, the pathetic lesbian mothers and the rage of the race relations lobby over the judge

It has been, as the cliché of yesterday's fashion would have had it, a pretty surrealist new year so far. Now, if we are to be serious as the polite world judges seriousness, we should not, I suppose, pay too much attention to that. We should concentrate on the solid stuff of public life: the recovery of the economy, direct elections to Europe, the date of the election and the new watreshed in politics that this election will be.

Well, I do not in the least dispute the proposition that the public's decision at the coming election will have momentous consequences for the liberty, prosperity and personal freedom of us common-or garden citizens.

So we shall obviously have to start thinking about it before long. But, meanwhile, a word or two about the surrealist happenings of this January, which extend from politicians' utterances on skateboards to their reaction to judge McKinnon, may not come amiss.

It isn't only that these are the things that ordinary people are thinking about. They are significant because they illuminate (as is the proper function of surrealist representation) much of the underlying and dottier reality of the society we live in.

They reveal, first, that there are some pretty bizarre notions of liberty on what is conventionally called the progressive front these days. It appears, for instance, that the liberty of the skateboarder to endanger the limb, if not the life, of the non-skateboarder is to exceed the liberty of the non-skateboarder to have his limbs protected.

Or, at any rate, the onus is on the skateboarder to defend himself by shelling out as taxpayer to provide for skateboard parks—or take the consequences. The prospect of prosecutions in the Midlands immediately prompted Mr Greville Janner, the Labour MP for Leicester, W, to tell Mr Denis Howell, the Sports Minister, that other local authorities should follow the example of Leicester and build skateboard parks as Leicester has done.

"Shouting at skateboarders and prosecuting them will get us nowhere. It is hopeless (my italics) to expect them to keep of fthe pavements if you do not offer them somewhere else to go."

This plea from Mr Janner fell, to mix a metaphor, on sympathetic if impotent ministerial ears. That sensitive public figure Mr Denis Howell, in a moment when he was not busy twice vetoing the appointment of Mr Nicholas Stacey as chairman of the Sports Council, said that prosecutions were not "the answer". He himself had urged local authorities to provide facilities, but some had been "lethargic". He added wittily: "Unfortunately I am not responsible for local government."

Unfortunately for him perhaps, but not exactly for us. The spirit of the Danegeld rides again. Why should it be "hopeless" to prosecute if the law has been broken? And what is to happen if we next have a bow-and-arrow craze, in which the youth of the nation takes to the pavements with juvenile but still highly dangerous versions of this sport? Must we all be shot around, if not deliberately at, without protest until an archery park is provided with public money?

"It seems that three to four million participants in a new sport are to be branded as criminals", said the chairman of the National Skateboarding Association in a moving statement. "These kids (ah, that's the let-out word) know the pavements are not the place, but just give them the chance to use the proper facilities."

So it seems that if the public won't pay up for parks, it had better take the consequences. The liberty of the "kids" exceeds the liberty of the infant in the push-chair, or of the elderly man and woman (or, come to that, those who were hale and hearty until they were silly enough to obstruct a skateboarder) to walk about in physical safety—unless they cough up to provide what some jargoneer will soon be calling off-the-street facilities.

However, the welfare of the "kids" is not altogether paramount this January. It has also been the month of the Lesbian mothers—the pathetic, artificially inseminated women who put what they see as their own fulfilment on their own terms above any rational calculation of the welfare of their fatherless children, and then have the photographs of the same children plastered across the public prints with spurious justifications for what they have done.

Even if, by some chance, a child so begot escaped into a happy future, what about the chances that he or she will not? Is it believable that most of these children will not mind the circumstances of their production; that they will escape the psychological consequences of, perhaps, a succession of Lesbian "fathers"; that the defiant use of them as public propaganda will have no adverse impact on them in their future?

Well perhaps a few will escape these visits, but at least some will not. What responsible person would take such risk with the happiness of a child? And what is one to say about the man, a doctor, who sells his service in the matter "for a negligible fee." (I quote one of these ladies from *The Observer*.

Here, at least, is a case for some thinking about legal remedies. The difficulties of dealing with this single aspect of AID (a procedure which in any circumstances raises many legal as well as moral difficulties) are obvious. But is it impossible to bring at least the role of the doctor who administers the process under some legal constraints?

You may say that nothing will stop this sort of thing happening if there are people of both sexes so irresponsible as to do it. If there were prohibitive laws, some might still quietly break them. But at least it would have to be quietly. They could not boast about it and humiliate the children they have conceived. That at least would be something.

Last but not least, there is freedom of speech and the rage of the race relations lobby about Judge McKinnon and the acquittal of Mr Kingsley Read. *The Daily Mail having published* a complete transcript of the judge's remarks, we can now make a sober judgment on them. One or two could have been better put. In trying to make clear the impossibility of attaching precise legal weight to particular remarks, the judge sometimes seemed to give the impression that there was nothing "offensive" (in the lay as distinct from the legal sense) about them.

I think myself (but it is only a personal opinion which shows that personal opinions distinct from legal absolutes are all that is possible under this law) that Mr Kingsley Read's remark about "one down and a million to go", whatever precisely he meant by it, was "worse" (but what do I mean by worse?) than his "niggers, wogs and coons" remark.

In the circumstances of the previous killing (though it was not racial) of a coloured youth in Southall, the "one down" observation strikes me as particularly cold, inhuman and unfeeling. Yet I also see what the judge meant when he found it difficult to see how it broke the law.

And read as a whole, the judge's remarks are plainly intended to show the difficulty of establishin gwhen the law has an dhas not been broken i nthis sort of case. I doubt whether it will be any easier now that it is no longer necessary to prove intent.

What is important is the outcry for the judge's dismissal by nearly 100 Members of Parliament. It is hard to overstate the constitutional danger of the presumption by so many in the majority party that such a sanction against a judge for his interpretation of the law is proper. Yet a sizeable part of the Labour Party increasingly thinks it is: remember the reactio nagainst Lord Denning in the Post Office workers' case.

When we recall the part played by the eighteenth century judges in helping to guard freedoms that Parliament was not concerned with, we have cause enough for concern. But there is another reason why we should worry—for what is really being criticized is the verdict of the jury and perhaps, implicitly, trial by jury.

It was(after all, the jury who acquitted Mr Read, and although the judge steered them in that direction, they could have done the opposite. For whether this law (or its stiffer successor) is broken is not a matter of fact, but a matter of opinion.

When a jury tries a murder case or a robbery case, it knows what is and is not a crime, and has only to decide whether it thinks the accused did it. In this case, it knew what the accused had done, but had to decide whether that was or was not a crime, and it seems to me that there was nothing substantially and legally wrong in the judge's summing up which properly (if sometimes too idiomatically) indicated all the uncertainties.

It is the judge who is attacked but the verdict that is really resented: the race relations lobby needed to get Mr Read and they failed. And what if, in future cases, they continue to fail, under the new version of the law as well as the old? What if juries simply refuse to convict under a law they thought either unjust or unworkable?

It used to happen when the capital penalty was required for trivial stealing. It could happen gain, with or without such conveniently attackable words by the judge. And what will the critical MPs want to do then?

As it happens, I have a solution for them. Wh ydon't they put into the next Labour manifesto a promise to revive the old Act of Attainder and Bills of Pains and Penalties Procedure? This is tailor-made for "political" cases of this sort where a conviction cannot be obtained by the ordinary processes. When you couldn't get a man's head off by impeachment or by a more conventional judicial process, attainder did the trick. (Strafford was the classic example.)

All that is needed is a Bill passed by the political majority to say that whatever Mr So-and-So said or did last Thursday was and is hereby declared to be treason, or an offence against good race relations, or whatever is required. There is then no need then for a jury to try to relate the deed to a general statute.

The condemnation is a statute. That would get over this awkward business of juries actually wanting to establish what actually is a crime under these acts. The pains and penalties and attainder procedure has been allowed to lapse since the case of Francis Atterbury, Bishop of Rochester in 1722, when it was used for lack of evidence that would convict in a court. Perhaps the angry Labour MP's would like to think about it for their manifesto? It might be quite a useful device for the state of things they plan for us. At all events, it is a suggestion for a surrealist new year, and no madder, I should say, than some of the others I have seen around these past two weeks.

Why there should be no secrets about more spending on steel

The Select Committee on the Nationalized Industries has been in existence for 21 years. It celebrated its coming-of-age by publishing yesterday two reports on the British Steel Corporation. Taken together they represent a detailed and argumentative view of the critical problems facing the corporation.

The select committee's sub-committee B worked for nearly two years to produce this report. When we started, early in 1976, Sir Monty Finniston was in the chair at the BSC; the talk was still of mammoth new "greenfield" sites for steelmaking dotted about the United Kingdom, and we were regarded in the BSC as political Watsons, investigating where we were not needed, and capable of understanding only the most elementary facts.

There was justice in this. Sub-committee B consisted of five MPs—three Labour, two Conservative—plus the chairman and deputy chairman of the full committee as ex-officio members, helped by three part-time advisers and one clerk.

There was a ludicrous amount of pressure on us in the reading of papers and in the business of attending meetings. In consequence, our questioning of witnesses early on sometimes betrayed our inadequate briefing, and this lack of knowledge came through to those appearing before us. Either we did *not know the right question to* ask or the witness was able to distract us with an answer that took us up blind alleys.

Foreign travel, as a team, changed this. An American representative of an international merchant firm, talking informally in an hotel bedroom, told us vividly and emphatically why his own company, erstwhile representatives of Australian and British steelmakers, now relied on the Japanese for the bulk of their supplies: dependable delivery and quality were as important as price and, in each of these, the Japanese could be trusted to a greater degree than the British.

Steel stockholders bearded us in a Commons corridor after the formal committee-meeting had ended to tell us, far more bluntly than they had done in public evidence, of the appalling difficulties they experienced in getting the BSC to deal with inquiries or even acknowledge orders.

When the House of Commons reassembled in November, our sub-committee found itself in the eye of a hurricane. The recession in the steel industry was deepening and the BSC's position was worsening

Our report had been completed in draft when the House rose in July but had not yet been approved by the full committee. Rather than rewrite it, we decided to produce a quick second report, after one session of evidence from each of the BSC, the trade unions, the Secretary of State for Industry, and the Treasury, the two reports to be published simultaneously.

But now those we asked to give evidence to us fell dumb and in the words of Sir Charles Villiers, Chairman of the BSC, agreed not to reveal their thinking to us "Short of the Tower of London." This placed us in an impossible position.

Here we were, a select committee responsible to Parliament for investigating the affairs of the nationalized industry that would cost the taxpayer more money than any other British corporation had ever done, that in one year would lose an estimated £500 to £600m, and that, by 1982, would on present form have borrowed a trillion pounds—yet neither the chairman of the BSC nor ministers at the Department of Industry and the Treasury, felt it inappropriate to discuss with us, even in private session, the mix of options that they were considering for future action.

This silence spurred us on. We determined to find out the extent to which the BSC, intentionally or unintentionally, had misled us about the future viability of the corporation. We were deeply concerned to see whether the BSC and the Department of Industry had made alternative forecasts of the vast losses the corporation would incur if the turn-round in steel demand, on which they been betting en plein, did take place.

We therefore resolved all the papers relating to future prospects of the that had been excha between the Secretary of for Industry and the chair of the BSC since Januar 1976, should "be laid be this House" and then, in o that they could be studie secrecy and without breac commercial confidentiality, ferred to the select comm

The only means to ach this is by way of a Hu Address to Her Majesty " she will be graciously plea to direct Mr Eric Varle produce the papers for w we are asking. Parliament demand that ministers re their secrets. Only the C can require secretaries of to do so.

But the intricacies of pa mentary procedure must disguise the fact that this very rare step. If it succ it will enable Parlia through our select committe be thoroughly briefed abou options now facing the BSC

Whether it succeeds dep on the number of MPs o parties who sign the mo that we, the eight Labour seven Conservative member the full Select Committee the Nationalized Indust tabled yesterday. If the ernment refuses to find for this motion to be deb there is no reason why backbench member who the ballot for a debate on ruary 6 should not move motion and put it to a vot

Our motion is important two reasons. First, Parlia is trying to show that it be consulted by the exec when large sums of the payers' money are at stake. better or worse, every taxp is a partner in the owner of the nationalized indus and participates in an unlim underwriting of their losses in the responsibility to pro further capital. Yet the ners' only representatives Members of Parliament.

If the executive, be chairmen or secretaries of can refuse to discuss fra with those representatives forward plans for the spen of a further £6 billion of partners' money, when they already borrowed £4 billion, are losing that at the rat £1,000 a minute, then they indeed enjoying an extraor ary power, a power that is g to the directors of nc comp quoted on the Stock Excha

The nationalized sector grown vastly in the last years. Back-bench Parliar has to have a capacity to inv gate it without interfering day to day management.

Secondly, Parliament neec make a general judgement to how much taxpayers m should be spent on moderni and restructuring our industry. We have accepted in other industries such shipbuilding and text Britain has at best a minor to play. But steel is still at crossroads.

The Times, in its leader December 19, asked whether should not cede the produc of some basic steels to t World countries. The cas not that easily divided modern integrated plant pr ces million of tons of all b steels. The question is whe we will build the new plant selves or rely, in future, on s seas suppliers for, say, a quar of our total steel requirem

If we take the latter cor the saving in capital e would be great so, too, wo be the risks when, eventu the next steel boom occ And there would be fewer j available at home.

Parliament cannot make informed judgement without facts. As the taxpay representatives, it is the fa that we now aim to cha There is a general call mor more open government. M cases must see our recommen tions as a step in that direct rather than as seeking a p sonal confrontation with the selves.

Tim Bent

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Who would topple the Government if the Liberals pulled out?

There is a wide measure of agreement on both wings of the SNP that an early election would suit them best

If the Liberals were to break the pact with the Government what would the other smaller parties do? Would they seize the chance to throw Mr Callaghan and his colleagues to the voters? Not according to the conventional wisdom: it is fashionable to say that the Nationalists would not want an election until their respective devolution Bills are safely on the statute book and that the Ulster Unionists, the largest group among the very diverse dozen from Northern Ireland, prefer dealing nowadays with the party of Mr Roy Mason rather than the party of Mr Whitelaw, who in the eyes of Ulster Protestants still bears the stigma of having abolished Stormont—and that anyway they would not want to end this Parliament before the Speaker's Conference had recommended an increase in the province's representation at Westminster.

There is something in most if not all of these points, but the position is not really as simple as that. The Scottish Nationalists, the largest of the smaller parties after the Liberals, are divided and the split on this issue reflects deeper differences on strategy that have been evident for some time. There is the gradualist and the hard wing. The gradualists see a devolved Scottish assembly as a necessary step along the road to independence, offering valuable experience to Scottish politicians and administrators in running their country with the prospect of progressively increasing the powers of the assembly and executive until independence is within their grasp. The hardliners are not opposed to an assembly but they fear that the pursuit of it may become a diversion from their primary goal of independence. Some of them are afraid that it may even be a trap. So they do not wish to give it priority over other objectives.

That is a critical question now because the other immediate objective is to do well in the general election. That could depend quite a bit on its timing. If it was held as soon as the Scotland Bill was on the staute book that would be the worst possible moment for the SNP. The Government would have fulfilled its pledge and the Nationalists would have been deprived of one of their most alluring arguments: "even if you do not want independence vote for us because that is the only way to get something done for Scotland." If the election was held in between the passage of the Bill and the subsequent referendum there would be the additional argument for Labour candidates that only if their Government were returned to office would it be certain that the referendum would be held and acted upon.

So there is a wide measure of agreement on both wings of the SNP that an early election would suit them best. But that raises two further issues for them. Should the date of the election be the overriding consideration and would it be possible to force an early one without themselves incurring the blame for killing the Scotland Bill? The gradualists want to give priority to getting the Bill and are prepared to take a chance with the election date.

The most prominent members of that group in the parliamentary party are Mr George Reid, Mr Hamish Watt and possibly Mr Donald Stewart—though as leader of the parliamentary party he very much plays the role of chairman these days. Among the leaders on the other side are Mr Douglas Henderson, Mr Douglas Crawford, Mr Gordon Wilson and Mrs Margaret Bain. No final decision has yet been taken—and of course the opportunity to bring the Government down may never present itself. But if it does the SNP members are more likely to vote en bloc against the Government.

In order to avoid giving the impression of themselves blocking the assembly they would wish to offer the Government impossible conditions for their support—industrial and taxation powers for the assembly, including a share of the oil revenues. Indeed, they are already preparing the ground in that direction.

Plaid Cymru are in a still more difficult position with three MPs and nearly as many opinions as to what they should do if the moment comes. Mr Gwynfor Evans, the party leader, would be inclined to vote against the Government; Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas for them; and Mr Dafydd Wigley appears to be undecided, though possibly tending to agree with Mr Evans. These uncertainties are not surprising because Plaid would wish to reconcile a number of conflicting objectives. They would want to distance themselves from the Government so that they were not regarded in Wales as a rather tame bunch, an alternative to the Liberals as a prop for a vulnerable administration. At the same time they would like to get the Wales Bill on the statute book. They have no great confidence that a Welsh assembly is in fact going to be created, but it must be a tempting prospect for a party that can have no realistic hopes of an early dramatic increase in their representation at Westminster.

The pressure from the rank and file, however, would probably favour bringing the Government down and Plaid would also prefer to find themselves in the same lobby as the SNP. It is *especially difficult to predict* how these various circles would be squared, but on balance it seems more likely that Plaid would vote against the Government or possibly abstain.

The Ulster Unionists also seem progressively more likely to overturn the Government if they get the chance. Mr Roy Mason no longer appears to command the same confidence in those quarters that he did not very long ago. But the principal considerations will be policy issues. When Mr James Molyneaux, the leader of the party at Westminster, saw Mr Callaghan in those critical days last March just before the Lib-Lab pact was formed he presented the Prime Minister with three objectives: increased representation for Northern Ireland at Westminster, the restoration of an assembly in the province and the creation once again of a top tier of local government there. He apparently indicated that it would be enough if two of these goals were conceded, provided that an assembly was one of them.

With the Speaker's Conference the Ulster Unionists are achieving their first objective and one would assume that they would be reluctant to bring this Parliament to an end before the conference had reported. As all outside submissions have now been received this might perhaps be by about the end of February. But there is no sign of progress in the two other directions. Especially after the hubbub over the Lynch affair, though not only because of that, the prospects for an assembly seem remote. That makes the top tier of local government the key issue. But in the Commons on November 24 Mr Mason indicated that the minority population in Northern Ireland would regard this as treading the integrationist path.

The Conservatives, on the other hand, are sympathetic to Unionist views on this question, as they are to Unionist objections to having a different voting system for Northern Ireland in the European direct elections. If there is to be proportional representation, they argue, it should apply throughout the United Kingdom. So, while it is too soon to speak of the old Conservative-Unionist axis being restored, there is now the prospect of a new and more favourable relationship between them—though whether that would suit Mr Powell is another matter.

For none of the smaller parties, apart from the Liberals, is any general United Kingdom issue of any consequence. Each of them will be prepared to bargain for what they perceive to be the interests of their own areas. That is a familiar feature of the politics of a number of other countries, most notably the United States. In this country we have tended to regard such practices with some distaste, but if there is another hung Parliament we may see more of them than we would wish.

Geoffrey Smith

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They came to a city: a story of Jerusalem

Blowing the dust of half a century off some letters, a Chichester reader reminds herself—and now this diary—of the debt Jerusalem owed to Britain during the years the city, and Palestine itself, was under British military administration just after the Great War.

Doris Mary Eckhard says the letters were written to her late husband by the wife of Charles Ashbee, civic adviser, first military and then civil, to the Palestine administration from 1918 to 1922.

I quote from one letter which deserves to be in the official archives but is not:

"Charley has repaired, and made walkable, the great city wall, three miles round; restored the masonry and cast off tons of rubble, tins and bones and filth which have been allowed to encroach all over it to a depth of many yards.

"Then, the huge moat round the Citadel and Tower of David he has dug out and cleared of dead animals, manure, etc, and made a most lovely garden, with stone paths and seats and cyprusses and olive trees

"We have to cooperate with the still-existing relief workers and employ mostly poor women who do all the heavy work here: the men simply walk beside their camels and donkeys or sit and smoke and look on."

A second letter captures the military flavour of those far-off days:

"Charley has a tremendous pull over all the staff by refusing to be a major in uniform—for khaki is much resented and suspected here. And, as he and I both know a little Arabic now, we can get at the real feelings of the people more than most of the soldiers who rely on venal and ill-educated interpreters.

"We had the Manchesters here for veer so long. Now they have gone and we have 1,000 Sussex. The poor men look so bored as they have nothing to do but a few drills. You see them playing football every evening in desperation in this awful heat."

Mr Ashbee died in 1942. His obituary in *The Times* said that one of his books was acid in its criticism of Palestine, of its administrators, and of Zionism.

The law that seals their lips

If pathos were an instrument of foreign policy, the Rev Kim Kwan Suk's press conference at the British Council of Churches' London HQ the other day might have toppled a government. As it was, the diffident Mr Kim was rendered sufficiently mute by the complexities of South Korean law to render futile any attempt at a sympathetic account of his predicament.

It could not have helped that Mr Kim, the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Korea, has a 20-year-old son serving a two-year sentence for reading a statement on human rights in chapel—it is forbidden even to criticize the law that forbids criticism of the Government—or that Mr Kim himself has spent six *months* in prison.

But when it came down to the details of torture and brutality, much more heat (however courteously expressed) than light was shed on the plight of Korean dissidents.

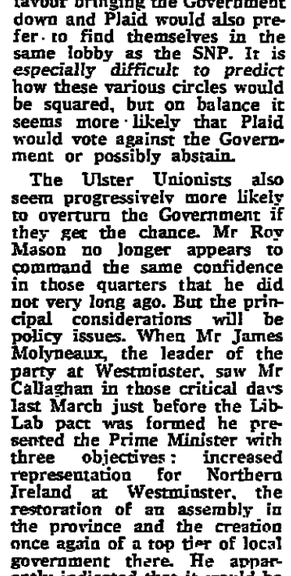
The Reuters man, who identified himself as a Japanese, did elicit an estimate of 200 political prisoners in South Korea. Some were serving life sentences.

The Christian Aid man apologized for the difficulties Mr Kim might experience in answering our questions. He was sure we would understand. It was, after all, a matter of the law.

Sterling thanks for the memory

At the London Festival Ballet yesterday for the presentation of the annual report, I was intrigued to learn that the memorial fund set up in memory of Paul Clarke, who died of a heart attack in September, 1976, at the age of 29, had realized £4,000 in the past year.

This evening, it is hoped that a similar amount will be raised at an auction at Christies in South Kensington when bids will be invited for costumes, memorabilia and photographs donated by such greats as Fonteyn, Nureyev and Sutherland. Clarke's colleagues have worked hard to set up the scholarship fund for a young, talented dancer to pursue his or her training.



In its diary and year book, Holborn Chamber of Commerce exhorts its members, in black capitals, to "Use the chamber".

Raspberries are for ever

The consumers' magazine *Which?* is awarding roses to its 1977 heroes, and raspberries to its villains.

Raspberries go to: the electricity industry for their obscure fuel cost adjustment system, local authorities which have closed their consumer advice centres, and the Motor Agents Association for failing to improve standards of car servicing.

I can offer them some consolation. The roses awarded to Michael Ward, MP, for the Unfair Contract Terms Act, the Director General of Fair Trading, and Freddie Laker, are supplied by Interflora, and like all natural things, must fade and die.

The raspberries, on the other hand, have been devised by CA's design team, Banks and Miles, and are rather fine objects for display purposes with no offending citation attached. Plastic rasperries, like Ian Fleming's diamonds, are for ever.

Back again and still on the beam

"Is this a dagger that I see before me?", you will ask yourself as you stretch out for the hilt that glows ghostily in the gloom. If you have already reached out for the bottle of stout or tried to turn on the kitchen tap, you will know you are wasting your time.

I rejoice to report that *Light Fantastic*, the most unfeeling show of 1977, is now back with innovative extras, at the Royal Academy. This is the grandfather of all laser shows: its commercial off-springs have gone out, out, like the brief candles they were.

The RA tells me this is the first time in its history it has staged an exhibition on the same subject twice in a year.

The innovations are fascinating. Nor to burden you (or myself) with technicalities, will summarize them. There are holograms which, because they are produced by domestic white light and not lasers, you can have in your own front room. You will be able to reach three-quarters round your mother-in-law as she glowers at you three-dimensionally.

There are also holograms of living subjects "frozen" in 3-D. A lady dancer, naked from the hips up, tries the Light Fantastic at the RA for the next three months.

The best—but how to get there?

Yesterday, I wrote pleasantly about the new Brighton Marina. Today, a brickbat. The new issue of Angler's Mail reports that the only thing that points the way to the finest fishing station in the south is a tiny sign clamped to a lamp-post. One angler describes his troubles trying to find the tackle shop: "Imagine our surprise when we found it tucked away among several portable buildings—one marked 'Ladies'." I am assured that the marina people have promised to make the entrance to the breakwater easier to find.

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SECRECY ON STEEL

Yesterday's reports by the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries raise important constitutional questions. In a sense these are more important than what the Committee has to say about the gathering crisis in the steel industry itself. They arise from the refusal of Mr Varley, who as Secretary of State for Industry, has responsibility for the steel industry, and Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, to give full and candid answers to the Committee in the areas of its investigation; and to make available to the Committee the record of exchanges between Whitehall and the BSC.

The reasons given and implied for this failure to comply with the requests of a properly constituted Parliamentary Committee relate to commercial confidentiality. On the surface, this defence might appear to have some justification. There must obviously be close contact and frequent exchanges between an institution like the BSC and Whitehall. Confidentiality is part of the proper conduct of public business. The accelerating crisis of the BSC and the Government's wider policy for steel in relation to the Common Market and the rest of the world will have entailed exchanges which are commercially sensitive.

Such a defence is not, however, a proper justification for this blanket refusal to provide the information requested. It would be a defence against an assertion that all internal documents of the BSC and all exchanges between the Corporation and the Government must be made available indiscriminately. The Select Committee is not making such an assertion.

The issue is whether a Select Committee is entitled to the information required for it properly to discharge its parliamentary function. By refusing its requests, Mr Varley on behalf of the executive arm of government and Sir Charles Villiers on behalf of the BSC are coming dangerously close to saying that it does not. Therein lies the constitutional question.

If Mr Varley's answer is accepted by the House of Commons as a whole, it will be saying in effect that it is surrendering its right to develop Select Committees as effective instruments of its will. It would be a sign of great constitutional weakness, for the House of Commons would be accepting that the executive has an unchallengeable right to set a limit to its examination of public policy. On the basis of past experience there is every reason to suppose that a Select Committee would show discretion in deciding what in the end was published in its reports and in respecting legitimate confidentiality.

On a more general level, there is clearly a balance to be struck between openness and secrecy in the conduct of public affairs. Far too often, however, the claim that commercial or national security requires the maintainance of secrecy is used as an excuse for avoiding embarrassment. It is easy enough to understand the personal desires of those involved to avoid the sort of embarrassments that would be caused by the revelation that poor policies had been or were being followed for inadequate reasons. Personal embarrassment and the better administration of public policy, however, are two very different things. In this case it is hard to avoid the conclusion that greater openness would on balance better serve the public interest. Parliament will be failing itself and the country as a whole if it does not assert its right to have the information that it has decided it requires for its fully legitimate scrutiny of executive actions.

A REASONABLE EXTENSION OF POLITICAL RIGHTS

The political impartiality of the British Civil Service has traditionally been one of its greatest assets. From time to time this reputation is challenged by those, nearly always on the left, who feel that the cast of mind and social background of the average civil servant makes him resistant to the kind of change they wish to accomplish. But the critics on this score are relatively few. Most people accept that whatever mistakes they may make civil servants do their best for the government of the day. This belief in their loyalty is so valuable that it would be foolish to jeopardize it for the sake of placating the small minority who feel frustrated by the present restrictions on political activity.

The danger has always been that the Armitage Committee on Political Activities of Civil Servants might open the way to precisely such a trend; but such fears are not borne out by their report, which was published yesterday. It confirms that relatively few of those not automatically free to indulge in political activities have sought permission to do so. There is no indication that the rules are thwarting the ambitions of numerous civil servants. The case for change on that score is not a strong one. But the right to engage in political activities is one of the normal civic liberties: it should be denied only where that is clearly necessary. If the number of people to whom the restrictions apply can be much reduced without any serious threat to the reputation of the service it is obviously correct as a matter of principle to do so.

That is what the committee's recommendations would achieve. They are a sensible compromise. It is suggested that only three per cent of the Civil Service—compared to 26 per cent at the moment—should come into the restricted category where national political activity is forbidden and local political activity may be undertaken only with permission. In the expanded intermediate category, where it is possible to engage in local or national politics with the approval of a person's department, the exercise of that discretion would be guided very much by the nature of the individual's work within the Civil Service.

This would amount to quite a massive reduction in the numbers subject to restriction. But nobody in the administrative grades from the rank of principal upwards would be able to take part in national politics; and nobody in the administrative or executive grades would be free to engage in national or local politics if occupied in work of a sensitive nature. That would be a reasonable liberalization, provided that the line were held there.

CHOOSING A SOLICITOR AT RANDOM

During the past three months the Law Society has been conducting an expensive advertising campaign (towards which every practising solicitor has contributed £10) aimed at persuading those who find themselves in circumstances with legal implications to seek advice from solicitors rather than from helpful but unqualified friends or acquaintances. Advertisements on television and in the press have used as their central character a mythical "Mr Whatsisname" a know-all figure constantly giving allegedly money-saving legal advice on such issues as making a will, getting a divorce, and buying a house. The result is inevitably disastrous for the recipient of that advice: squabbles over property rights after divorce, invalid wills, and herds of cows having a right of way through the property purchased.

After relating the horrific results of listening to Whatsisname, the advertisement goes on: "See a solicitor". Up to that stage, no exception can be taken to it. The Law Society is right to point out the dangers of obtaining legal advice from unqualified, and therefore often ignorant, sources. Perhaps the individual can do more for himself than the Law Society would allow, but it is in the nature of advertising, including institutional advertising, to indulge in a certain measure of exaggeration.

In the press advertisements, however, (though not in those on television) the reader is exhorted to find a solicitor by looking up the Yellow Pages. That is irresponsible advice. The Yellow Pages are an admirable aid to obtaining the services of decorators or piano-tuners, or ascertaining the address of the nearest locksmiths or haberdashers. But they can only be a starting point if the services of a doctor or lawyer are being sought.

They can give no indication of the level of professional expertise of those listed. In the case of solicitors, they do not, and cannot, distinguish between bad firms and good firms, or between those who specialize in particular areas of the law, and those who know little about them. A person requiring legal advice on divorce needs to go to a firm or practitioner known to be competent on divorce matters. Sticking a pin into the Yellow Pages could well throw up the name of someone who does mainly conveyancing, and badly at that.

The best way of finding a solicitor is still by personal recommendation. It requires a certain amount of shopping around, and asking people who have had recourse to solicitors to suggest the names of competent ones. Whether such research is conducted by asking a bank manager, the local greengrocer, or the neighbour's cousin is largely immaterial. The most important factor is that the names suggested are backed by personal knowledge.

Even those without recourse to any such personal recommendation can be assisted by a referral list, available at every town hall, public library, citizen's advice bureau and social security office, giving the names of solicitors in the area, with their specialities. That list, though mainly designed to help the person who needs legal aid, covers the vast majority of solicitors' firms in England and Wales. Ironically, it is distributed by the Law Society itself. The Law Society has done a great deal in recent years to try to make legal advice more accessible, including, recently, introducing a scheme allowing a half-hour's consultation with a solicitor for no more than £5. It is a pity that its advertising campaign, or at least that part of it in the press, has the potential to do as much harm as good. It shows that the Law Society regards all solicitors as being of at least reasonable competence. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Solicitors cannot safely be chosen at random, and no competent solicitor would make a random choice himself.

Digging up the road

From Mr D. V. Ford

Sir, Sir Peter Tennant criticizes (January 7) the utilities for digging up roads and implies this is done unnecessarily and is not coordinated.

The Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950 establishes a Street Works Code for all highway authorities and utilities to work to in order to avoid the situations he refers to. Electricity boards like all utilities expend considerable resources in the preparation of plans and notices for the purposes of notifying the other authorities of their intentions to carry out road excavations.

Electricity boards have a statutory obligation to maintain a continuous supply of electricity and in order to fulfil that obligation it may be necessary for them to gain access to their underground mains. For example, excavations are necessary from time to time to carry out urgent repairs and in order to restore supplies. If consultations had to take place with other authorities on these occasions, there would obviously be serious delays in restoring electricity supplies which would not be tolerated by consumers.

The accommodation of underground mains and services under the footpath and highway has been established practice in urban areas in this country for over a century. As a result there are now in existence many hundreds of thousands of miles of mains of various types laid under most urban roads and footpaths. These mains represent a vast capital investment upon which the health and well being of the nation depends. To suggest, therefore, that the problem of digging up roads could be solved by placing all such mains in a common underground duct is an oversimplification which fails to recognize this vast commitment.

It is also suggested that more active participation by central government in these matters would improve the coordination of the nationalized industries concerned with underground mains and services. It is necessary to point out that there already is in existence under the sponsorship of the Department of Transport and operating both at the national and county levels a Public Utilities Street Works Conference upon which all utilities and highway authorities are represented and which provides a forum for discussing these problems and finding solutions to them. The electricity supply industry considers this joint machinery perfectly adequate to deal with these matters and would not wish to see any additional involvement by central government.

Yours faithfully,
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January 10.

European elections

From Sir Nigel Fisher, MP for Kingston upon Thames (Conservative)

Sir, I was delighted to see reported in your columns yesterday (January 5) that an amendment to the European Assembly Elections Bill has been tabled by some of my colleagues proposing a variation of the additional member system for elections to the Assembly.

This system avoids the disadvantages of the regional list system and has many positive advantages of its own:

(1) It preserves the single member constituency and thus the individual relationship between the member and his constituents, which is so much a part of political tradition in this country.

(2) The voting process would be completely unaltered and therefore the argument that we should not try and pile novelty on novelty is almost entirely eliminated.

(3) An element of representation, although not total proportionality, is almost certain to be given to the two major parties in all regions and very probably to any sizable minority party as well.

(4) The use of this limited form of PR, retaining the single member constituency, would undoubtedly improve the chances of retaining a system of this type when a common system of elections is introduced for all members of the community for the second round of elections.

I believe the amendment succeeds in meeting most of the objections to the regional list method of election which were raised in the debate in the House of Commons before the Christmas recess.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL FISHER,
House of Commons.
January 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The judge and remarks about immigrants

From Mr Leonard Woodley

Sir, Judge McKinnon, in telling the jury that the phrase "one down, one million to go" can mean anything . . . if you can convict somebody of a criminal offence on that observation, well you could convict anybody of anything . . ., and that some of the evidence given was "rubbish, a lot of it", was in essence inviting the jury to acquit Mr Kingsley Read. It was for the jury to decide whether the words used by Mr Read were intended to incite racial hatred, and whether the evidence was rubbish and not for the learned judge to usurp their function. In the circumstances I was surprised that the jury took ten minutes to acquit Mr Read and not ten seconds, since these were the very issues they were empanelled to decide. Hence it follows that Judge McKinnon was also wrong to tell Mr Read that he was rightly acquitted, and to wish him well.

Having joined in the criticism of Judge McKinnon, may I, as a black Member of the Bar who has had the pleasure of appearing before him on several occasions, point out to those persons who have labelled him a racialist, that his silly observations in Mr Read's case was completely out of character.

I know of several members of the Bar (both black and white) who find him to be charming, courteous and very fair minded to all defendants, regardless of colour, religion or race. I recall an occasion when a black client of mine, after being convicted and given a reasonably light sentence, turned to Judge McKinnon and said "Thank you, Sir". I would be surprised if this was an isolated case.

May I end by saying that those persons who are advocating that all black barristers should boycott Judge McKinnon's court will find it extremely difficult to rally support from conscientious fair minded black members of the Bar who have had the pleasure of appearing before this very humane judge.

Yours faithfully,
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January 11.

From Dr Geoffrey Marshall

Sir, Even under the amended Race Relations Act of 1976, is it yet clear that Parliament has committed itself to "the proscription of whole classes of utterances which are held to be inimical to racial tolerance (*The Times*, January 9)? The Act does not proscribe utterances but only a special and restricted class of utterances. Though there is no requirement of an intention to stir up racial hatred, the likelihood of racial hatred must be causally related to the words used and there must in the first place be words that are "threatening, abusive or insulting".

In considering the meaning of those general words in the statute it must be proper to take into account the fact that the purpose of section 70 in which they occur is plainly stated to be the prohibition of "incitement". Incitement to crime is what the common law and a number of particular statutes forbid. With the possible illogical exception of counselling suicide it is not unlawful to advocate, urge, argue for, support or invite the commission of evil or illegal acts or indeed of anything at all and the distinction between advocacy and incitement (whatever it is) remains fundamental.

British courts, unlike those of the United States, have admittedly not formulated the distinction very satisfactorily. But in the public order field a belief in free expression (to which the United Kingdom is committed by the European Human Rights Declaration) implies that a restricted interpretation be put upon categories of speech that are alleged to offend others, whether on political, religious or social grounds.

Free speech is not absolute but its function is in part (as Mr Justice Douglas of the United States Supreme Court once said) to invite dispute. "It may indeed best serve its high purpose when it induces a condition of unrest or even stirs people to anger" (*Terminiello v Chicago*, 1949). That is why, he added, it is protected against censorship unless shown likely to produce a clear and present danger of a serious substantive evil that rises far above public inconvenience, annoyance or unrest.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY MARSHALL,
The Queen's College,
Oxford.
January 10.

From Mr Frank Field

Sir, Or course there are dangers in expelling a member of the judiciary. Those urging caution may be right; one judge down and a million to go could also become a popular slogan if others of their lordships begin uttering uncouth comments during cases before them.

But if judicial personnel are to remain free for legislative direction, the judiciary must at all times carry out certain duties. One such duty is the upholding of those rules which ensure that each of us publicly behaves in a civilized manner. One only has to compare Judge McKinnon's comments with those of Lord Justice Salmon in his summing up after the Notting Hill race riots in 1958 to see the extent of the decline in judicial leadership. Lord Justice Salmon was clear in his mind that civilized values were not that deeply embedded in any community, and that in their maintenance the bench had an important leadership role. Judge McKinnon has clearly deserted this position.

There could be no clearer demonstration of the judiciary's failure to perceive its full role than the fact that Judge McKinnon appears so unaware of what he has done that he hasn't already voluntarily resigned.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK FIELD,
Child Poverty Action Group,
1 Macklin Street,
Drury Lane, WC2.
January 11.

From Ms Serena Sutcliffe

Sir, With the trial of Mr Read, regulars at Speakers' Corner must wonder when their turn will come. Every Sunday, black, brown and white, even pink, speakers use terms far more lurid and original than "niggers, wogs and coons".

As we are now so sensitive, perhaps we should all be restricted to Pitman's 700 Common Words.

Yours faithfully,
SERENA SUTCLIFFE,
2 Bryanston Place, W1.

From Mr G. H. Bailey

Sir, Surely the judge is right. Our West Indian friends have nothing to fear from a man of no importance who calls them names.

Yours truly,
G. H. BAILEY,
90 Cambridge Gardens, W10.
January 10.

From Miss Bertha Gaster

Sir, If, soon after the assassination of a judge, I were to stand up in public and declare "one down, 500 to go", previously having referred to them as "bastards and pigs" (for after all, many children are affectionately called little bastards by their fathers, and reprimanded as little pigs by their loving mothers), thus expressing the strong views many people may hold on the impartiality and competence of the Bench, would Judge McKinnon encourage me "by all means to propagate the views I may have" and wish me well?

Yours faithfully,
BERTHA GASTER,
17 Fife Terrace, N1.
January 10.

Soviet human rights

From Mr Peter B. Reddaway

Sir, In his otherwise thoughtful and useful article about the Soviet human rights movement (December 31) David Stipler writes: "The dissidents issued no detailed analysis of the Soviet constitution adopted in October, or any appraisal of the political and judicial rights contained and limited in the document."

In fact, within a few weeks of the publication of the draft constitution in the summer, dissenters had written a considerable number of such analyses and appraisals. The Moscow samizdat journal *A Chronicle of Current Events* (No 46, August, 1977) summarizes ten such documents and also the first two issues of a samizdat bulletin, *On the Draft Constitution of the USSR*, which had quickly sprung up.

As the *Chronicle* reports, all the commentaries "were sent to the Constitution Commission, to Soviet newspapers, or to governmental bodies, but not one of them was accorded even a mention in the media".

Among those which have reached the west are two especially stimulating and wide ranging commentaries, one by the well known Moscow barrister, Mrs Sofia Kallistratova, who recently joined Dr Orlov's Helsinki monitoring group when its members were being arrested and forced into emigration, the other by 12 dissenters of long standing. More narrowly focused is an analysis of the new constitution's threatening implications for religious people, by the Christian Committee for the Defence of Believers' Rights.

These documents have been published in the New York journal, *A Chronicle of Human Rights in the USSR*, but not, mainly for lack of sufficient public and journalistic interest, in the press. This is unfortunate, as they document very well something which has been widely overlooked: the essentially reactionary nature of the new constitution, many of whose formulations are directed *against* those social groups calling for constructive change, and *against* the spirit of détente and the Helsinki Final Act. Among other things, any Soviet citizen who expresses non-communist views is now, in effect, placed outside the law.

May one hope that the Belgrade conference will take more careful note of these developments than it appears to have done to date?

Yours faithfully,
PETER B. REDDAWAY,
Senior Lecturer in Political Science,
The London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.
January 2.

Licensing photocopying

From Mr Clive Bradley

Sir, Professor B. Z. Beinart and his colleagues at Birmingham University, in your issue of December 24, say that the Whitford committee's recommendations for controlling the photocopying of copyright materials will cause teachers and researchers "additional expense and inconvenience".

The purpose of copyright protection is to liberate the dissemination of information and ideas by protecting authors and publishers who make works available against unauthorized reproduction. The Whitford recommendations give force to the growing conviction of authors and publishers (including the very large number of each involved in education) that the rapidly growing facility to make copies of printed works cheaply and rapidly has reached the point where it threatens the financial viability of many important publications, which are expensive to produce but which offer authors the opportunity for wide circulation of their ideas. Such an outcome would be in nobody's interest.

The 1956 Act bestows privileges on non-profit libraries by permitting them to make single photocopies of single articles in periodicals without infringing copyright, for purposes of research and private study, on condition the person to whom copies are supplied pays not less than the costs attributable to their production. Careful control of photocopying, and payment, are therefore already required.

This privilege has been distorted by some libraries and some schools which provide systematic copying services, in some cases not just of single copies of requested articles but—so Whitford suggests—of numerous copies of the same article without any return to those responsible for their publication.

The Whitford Committee suggests that this is wrong, and urges copyright owners to find a method of permitting a reasonable amount of copying in return for a fair payment to the originating authors and publishers. This, with seven other organizations, representing authors, composers, and publishers, we are now seeking to do. We have asked Lord Wolfenden, whose knowledge of the needs of education and libraries is unimpeachable, to lead the discussions and negotiations, and a number of practical ideas are under consideration. While these may not be as convenient or cheap for teachers as the present free-for-all, they are no more unreasonable than is the need to pay for other educational and research materials.

Yours sincerely,
CLIVE BRADLEY,
Chief Executive,
The Publishers Association,
19 Bedford Square, WC1.
December 29.

Relevance in universities

From Dr G. A. Chew

Sir, Should "relevant" or "remote" subjects be studied in our universities? The question seems wrongly framed. If Greek tragedy is studied it ought to be because it is found relevant to universal human problems; if sociology is attacked it ought to be only when it fails to cast light on those same problems. An acute mind can find "relevance" in the most unlikely places and a dull mind can overlook it almost anywhere.

But another factor is important and in my experience sometimes ignored by those framing university syllabuses. If there is no tradition of rigorous scholarly work in a subject, no such work can be held up to the undergraduate for study; and this lack must lead in undergraduate courses (given the average level of ability of both teachers and students) to low standards of achievement. The existence in a subject of a tradition of brilliant work thus seems an important qualification for its inclusion in undergraduate curricula.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY CHEW,
The Mount,
Malt Hill,
Egham,
Surrey.
January 6.

Restriction on dogs

From Mr D. M. Dixon

Sir, Professor Woodruff (Letters, December 29) may, or may not, have overstated his case but it cannot be denied that the absence of controls on dogs allows a significant health risk and public nuisance to continue. What has happened to the Control of Dogs Bill?

I do not "dislike" dogs (Mr Hutchinson, December 31). I do, however, object to them being permitted to roam free, sometimes in packs, in parks, on roads and footpaths because children cannot play without stepping or falling in dog faeces or being frightened or injured by them. I object to them chasing cats through my garden. On busy roads unleashed dogs are a danger to all road users.

What I find even more objectionable is the practice of owners "exercising" their animals because what this boils down to is that these owners merely want to ensure that their animal leaves its foul deposits a sufficient distance from their property so as not to be offensive to them.

Yours etc,
D. M. DIXON,
40 Lansdown,
Yate,
Bristol.
January 5.

From Professor A. W. Woodruff

Sir, Your correspondents who think remarkable or silly the principle of limiting freedom to harm others might ask what are the fundamental principles of British law? Inability to legislate against transmission of common colds is irrelevant. The law cannot be all embracing. Thus prior to our work in 1973 it was not known that serious toxocaral infections could result from contamination by dogs of soil in public parks. Till then there was no known basis for the controls now seen to be necessary in the public interest. The problem is not one to be taken lightly. During 1977 alone our reference work revealed 54 in whom the evidence indicated toxocariasis had severely damaged or destroyed the sight in an eye.

Mr Haxby (December 31) and Dr Bruce Fogle (January 3) do not grasp the significance of our work and the latter has not read it properly. I have never advocated "banning all dogs from public places". Regarding the relative importance of adult dogs and others the facts are these. Many of our patients with toxocariasis had never had a dog in their household. We therefore looked for a source of infective ova in public parks, and found 24 per cent of soil samples to be contaminated.

Ova when passed by the animals, be they adults, puppies or suckling bitches are not directly infective. To become so they need to mature outside the body. The main sources of contamination in public parks are adult dogs and hence it follows that some restrictions on their habits are necessary. It is moreover perfectly possible to work out a code of practice enabling owners to continue to enjoy the companionship of their dogs and at the same time to cease to cause ill health and damage to the sight of some unfortunate people. As is shown by our work on kennel staff to which Mr Haxby refers, the initiated can usually avoid danger; it is the unsuspecting who most often suffer—particularly children!

Yours faithfully,
A. W. WOODRUFF,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine,
4 St. Pancras Way, NW1.
January 6.

Acting on diagnosis before birth

From Sir John Peel

Sir, In his letter (January 9), Mr Ian Kennedy begins by chiding the chairman of the Area Health Authority and the surgeon involved for their public statements and actions in the case of the child born with spina bifida in Nottingham. He then proceeds to say that doctors have no special competence in morals and philosophy. I suggest that they have as much competence as lawyers have in medical problems. In stating that "the problem of *treatment* of babies born with spina bifida may disappear within a few years as the test whereby the condition may be diagnosed *in utero* is made widespread" he assumes that the disposal of life *in utero* raises no moral or philosophical problems. Is not this, to say the least, naive?

Whatever views one may have about abortion, the 28th week of pregnancy remains the *legal* definition of viability. If the diagnosis of spina bifida were to be made at, say, 32 weeks of pregnancy, would the "treatment" which Mr Kennedy obviously regards as acceptable be in reality any different from that given to the unfortunate child in question? In either case, to be brutally frank, it means killing it. For Mr Kennedy falls into the common misconception that life begins only at birth.

This is not really a problem of modern medicine; it has been with us for centuries. The Spartans 2,000 years ago resolved it by exposing their abnormal babies so that they die, and I imagine there was plenty of public debate in the Athenian market place.

In our modern society we have an obsession that public debate will solve any problem whereas in fact it not infrequently means that the judgment of the ignorant and ill-informed takes precedence over that of those with experience and special knowledge.

The practice of medicine is about caring for patients individually and their families. I have a strong feeling that too much public debate only makes matters more confused, where difficult and delicate decisions have to be made which primarily concern the individual.

Sincerely,
JOHN PEEL,
Warren Court Farm,
West Tytherley,
Wiltshire.

From Mr A. D. Torlesse

Sir, The treatment of infants born with spina bifida and with even worse physical defects is not really a dilemma of "modern" medicine; it is a problem which has always been with the doctors and has hitherto been handled by them, in general, in accordance with the dictates of reason and mercy.

What is new is this agitation by certain people, driven, one supposes, by some perverted religious compulsion, for the preservation or prolonging of life at all costs, regardless of the cruelty involved.

I would argue with Mr Ian Kennedy (January 9) that even if the question is, as he asserts and I deny, one "of fundamental moral significance", it can safely and most suitably be left to the doctors, in consultation with the parents, to make the decision in these cases.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. TORLESSE,
1 Sway Lodge,
Sway, Hampshire.

Reading the metre

From the Right Reverend T. S. Garrett

Sir, The complaint of Sir David Hunt (December 24) may be echoed with further disrespect to Housman, whose misquotation, among others, he deplores.

The dynasty of metre
That gave its slaves delight
This age of gram and litre
Has banished into night;
And few bewail its plight.
With beauty turned to ashes
The Muses three times three
Weep as the poet smashes
The chains of prosody
And sets his raving free.

Yours faithfully,
T. S. GARRETT Bp,
Assistant Bishop,
Diocese of Leicester,
The Rectory,
Hallaton, Market Harborough,
Leicestershire.

A Chaplin memorial

From Mr Henry Blyth

Sir, I feel that we are in danger of over-estimating the social significance of Charlie Chaplin's work. He was never a profound social thinker himself, nor did he seek to be.

He represented, quite simply, the spirit of defiance in the face of adversity—and adversity need not represent social injustice. Indeed it can be no more than slipping up on a banana skin and falling flat on one's face—and then picking oneself up and striding manfully on.

His statue should be no more than that of a shabby little man with a defiant air—and it should surely be placed in Leicester Square or Piccadilly Circus.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY BLYTH,
Southerndown,
Rottingdean, Brighton,
Sussex.

Returned to sender

From Mr Leslie Wolf-Phillips

Sir, On December 9 I wrote to the Welsh Office in Whitehall asking for information about the work of the Commissioner for Local Administration in Wales (an office authorized under the 1974 Local Government Act). My letter was forwarded from Whitehall to the Commissioner's Office at 22 Newport Road, Cardiff on December 20. It has now come back to me through the Cardiff Postmaster marked "Gone Away".

Are the Welsh people aware that their Commissioner has decamped? Or is it all a small case of "maladministration"?

Yours faithfully,
L. WOLF-PHILLIPS,
The London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 11: The Queen was represented by General Sir Rodney Moore (Extra Gentleman Usher) at the Memorial Service for Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon (Extra Gentleman Usher) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Colonel Greville Tufnell.

CLARENCE HOUSE
January 11: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne at the Memorial Service for Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

YORK HOUSE
January 11: *The Duke of Kent* was represented by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, at the Memorial Service for Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

A memorial service for Michael, Seventh Lord Henley, will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, on Thursday, February 2, at noon.

The Hon Neville Berry very much regrets that he was unable to attend the memorial service for Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon owing to absence abroad.

A thanksgiving service will be held at St Andrew's Church, Awre, Gloucestershire, on Friday, January 20, at 2.30 pm, for the life of Ada Lady Gwynne-Evans.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of John Callf, formerly Toc H Administrator and Trustee, will take place at All Hallows-by-the-Tower of London on Thursday, February 2, at 5 pm.

Birthdays today

Mr H. G. H. Barratt, 73; Lord Black, 85; Air Vice-Marshal S. O. Bufton, 70; Mr James Byam Shaw, 75; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Elkins, 75; Brigadier T. Grainger-Stewart, 82; Sir John S. Rennie, 61; Lord Russell of Killowen, 70; Major-General R. B. Stockdale, 70; Major-General F. J. Walsh, 78.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bond was christened Edward Peter Alexander on January 8 at St Peter's Church, Whatcote, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, by Bishop John Daly, assisted by the Rev D. Jephson. The godparents are Mr Richard Novis, Mr Roderic Bullough, Mr David Barclay, Mrs Juliet Stans (for whom Mrs R. E. Onslow stood proxy), Mrs H. Belmont (for whom Mrs K. J. Garner-Smith stood proxy) and Simon and Nicola Miesegaes.

Latest wills

Mary Eleanor Gambell, of Milford-on-Sea, left £62,423 net. After bequests of £14,800 she left the residue equally among the RSPCA, NSPCC and Dr Barnardo's.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Abrahams, Mrs Olga, of St John's Wood, London £205,760
Graham, Lady, of Bingham, widow of Major-General Sir Miles Graham £151,649
Latta, Mrs Rona Katharine Forrester, of Berkhamstead £159,378
Morgan, General Sir William Duthie, of Chelsea, who accepted surrender of German forces in Italy, 1945 .. .. .. £55,336
Rosser, Mrs Gertrude Evelyn Atherley, of Chiswick .. £118,335
Shute, Mrs Florence Eugenie Aylmer, of Cheltenham .. £119,463
Smith, Miss Margaret Barbour, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne .. £115,427

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. W. D. Salt and Miss O. A. Hudson
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Meriel, Lady Salt, of Shillingstone House, Blandford, Dorset, and the late Sir Thomas Salt, Bt, and Olivia, younger daughter of Mr M. M. Hudson, Old Rectory Farm, Isfield, near Uckfield, Sussex, and Lady Colgrain, of Bushes Farm, Sevenoaks Weald, Kent.

Mr P. J. H. de L. Le Cheminant and Miss H. R. Davidson Smith
The engagement is announced between Peter John, son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Le Cheminant, of Blossom House, Salford, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, and Helen, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. Davidson Smith, of Benisons, Bradfield, Berkshire.

Mr G. Benfield and Miss C. V. E. Cadbury
The engagement is announced between Graham, second son of Mr E. V. Benfield, of Bridport, Dorset, and of Mrs Margaret Benfield, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Tina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Cadbury, of Beaconwood, Rednal, near Birmingham.

***Mr M. D. Cripps* and Miss C. E. Swindall**
The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Norman M. Cripps, of Bosham, Sussex, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Charles Swindall, of Hampstead Way, London, NW11.

Dr P. D. Ll. Edwards and Dr L. A. Broughton
The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and Mrs Archie Edwards, St Fagan's, Cardiff, and Louise, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Broughton, Hayling Island, Hampshire.

Mr D. M. R. Fraser and Miss C. S. E. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Major and Mrs H. L. C. Fraser, of Harrington, Grove Road, Beaconsfield, and Consuelo, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P. E. Taylor, of Kesteven, Heatherdale Road, Camberley.

Captain H. St J. Holcroft and Miss J. Clifton-Brown
The engagement is announced between Harry Holcroft, The Blues and Royals, younger son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Holcroft, of Endon Hall, Pershore, Worcestershire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr Edward Clifton-Brown, of PO Box 5888, Bahrain, and Mrs Andrew Liddell, of 21 Trevor Place, London, SW7 1LB.

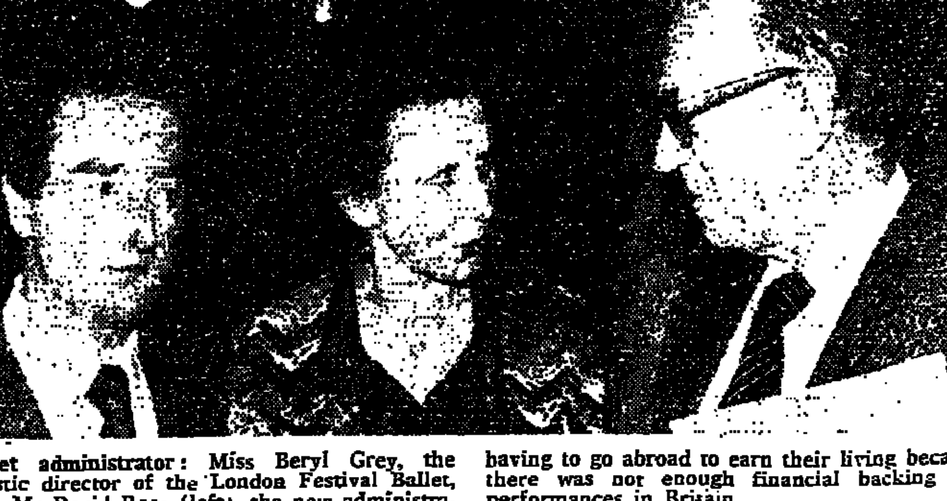
Col P. H. M. Jefferies and Mrs M. M. Ellis
The engagement is announced between Colonel Patrick Jefferies, of Pucks Hill, Lulsley, Worcestershire and Mrs Margaret Ellis, of Moseley Bank, Grimley, Worcester.

Mr N. H. Maccallum and Miss R. K. Black
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of the late Mr I. M. M. Maccallum and Mrs Maccallum, of Rugby, Warwickshire, and Rona, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Black, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr J. S. M. Rowe and Miss J. P. Lintin
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Dr and Mrs Alan Rowe, of Ixworth Abbey, Suffolk, and Judith, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John Lintin, of Midway, Glenlyon Drive, Keighley, Yorkshire.

Mr M. A. Trompetto and Miss P. A. Yates
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr S. S. Trompetto, MBE, and Mrs S. S. Trompetto, of Maida Vale, London, W9, and Penelope, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs J. N. Yates, of Puerto Pollensa, Majorca.

Mr I. P. Watson and Miss M. M. Langton
The engagement is announced between Ian Peter, son of the late Mr Rex Watson and of Mrs M. Watson, of Braeside, Portland Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, and Margaret Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Langton, of Tarrabandra, Gundagai, New South Wales, Australia.



Ballet administrator: Miss Beryl Grey, the artistic director of the London Festival Ballet, with Mr David Rees (left), the new administrative director of the ballet, who takes over from Mr Paul Findlay (right) on January 24. Mr Rees was administrator of the Royal Academy of Dancing and was formerly with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Mr Findlay, announcing the company's plans for 1978, said they were having to go abroad to earn their living because there was not enough financial backing for performances in Britain.
Next week the company start a five-week season in Paris, with Rudolf Nureyev dancing in *Romeo and Juliet*. In July and August they will spend a fortnight in New York and Washington, with *Romeo and Juliet, Giselle* and a triple-bill programme.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of the Royal Society. The guests included:
Lord Todd, President of the Royal Society, Dr B. J. Mason, Sir Harrie Massey, Professor D. C. Phillips, Dr M. G. P. Stoker, Dr R. W. J. Keay and Dr P. T. Warren.

Rotary Club of London
Mr Keith A. Payne, Governor of District 113 of Rotary International, was guest of honour yesterday at the Rotary Club of London's Wednesday luncheon held at the Café Royal. Mr Bernard Downham, president of the club, was in the chair.

Lunchtime Comment Club
Sir Lindsay Ring was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Mr Alick Whittle, chairman, presided.

Reception

Royal College of Nursing
Miss Eirlys Rees, President of the Royal College of Nursing, last night gave a reception in the Cowdray Hall. Guests included the Secretary of State for Social *Services and Mrs Ennals*, the Minister of State (Health) and other representatives of the Government, representatives of various national bodies, of allied professions and other friends of the college.

Dinners

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
The annual dinner of the Land Agency and Agricultural Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held at the Hotel Russell last night. Mr Richard Wainwright, president of the division, was in the chair and other speakers included the Marquess of Hartington, Professor G. R. Dickson and Mr C. J. Pratt.

British Paper Machinery Makers' Association
The British Paper Machinery Makers' Association held their annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr David Klemz was in the chair, and the guests included:
The ambassadors of Poland, Romania, the Soviet Union, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Mr John Cooper and Rear-Admiral John Adams.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
The Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held a livery dinner yesterday, their first to be held in Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall. The Master, Mr Denys Randolph, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr Harry Drew and Mr Jack McNally. The principal guest and speaker was Sir John Buckley. Mr Neil Watson, who received the company's travelling fellowship in 1977, also spoke.

Sublime Society of Beef Steaks
The Sublime Society of Beef Steaks held a dinner at the Irish Club last night to commemorate the 243rd anniversary of the foundation of the society by John Rich. Brigadier Peter Young, president, was in the chair.

Service dinner

Royal Air Force Staff College
The Commandant, Air Vice-Marshal J. B. Curtiss, and officers of the Royal Air Force Staff College held a dining-in night at Bracknell yesterday. The guest of honour was Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken and other guests were Air Commodore B. Brownlow and Dr S. E. Furber. Wing Commander C. P. Baker presided.

Charterhouse

The Long Quarter began yesterday. P. A. Cummins is head of school. T. C. R. Whalley and C. J. Hardwick are deputy heads of school. T. C. R. Whalley is captain of football and C. H. Prendergast is captain of hockey. The exeat starts on Friday, February 10, and ends on Monday, February 13. The quarter ends on Wednesday, March 22.

Bedford School

The Easter Term begin today with 1,085 boys in the school. R. W. M. Palmer is head of the school. A. J. Amberg captain of boats, and J. A. Holtom captain of hockey. Confirmation will be conducted by the Bishop of Bedford on February 19. Fauré's *Requiem* and Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols will be performed by the Joint Choral Society at Bedford High School on Sunday, March 19.

School of S Helen and S Katharine, Abingdon

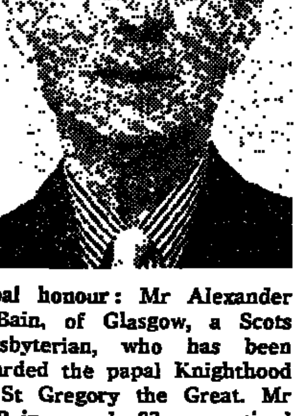
To celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the school a commemorative service will be held on May 4 at 11 at St Helen's Church, followed by luncheon and open-day at the school. The anniversary fête will be held on July 8. Write to the Secretary, Old Girls Association, at the school, for full details.

Moreton Hall

The spring term starts today with 255 girls in the school; Rachel Kinnaird continues as head prefect. *Messiah* will be sung by the joint choirs of Moreton Hall and Ellesmere College on February 25 and 26. Confirmation by the Bishop of Shrewsbury will be on March 3. Term ends on March 22.

Mayor seeks to trace Cork's lost treasures

By a Staff Reporter
The loss through fire, theft and sale of many of the City of Cork's treasures, including royal charters and regalia, has led Mr Gerald Goldberg, the lord mayor, to attempt to compile a record of the whereabout of remaining documents and precious objects.
He is appealing for information about the charters, deeds, titles and silver and glassware associated with Cork. The first of the 17 royal charters was granted by Prince John in about 1199.
Mr Goldberg does not believe that such rare objects would be returned to the city. He said: "The living evidence of our history and traditions should, as far as possible, be ascertained and if not restored, then recorded."



Papal honour: Mr Alexander McBain, of Glasgow, a Scots Presbyterian, who has been awarded the papal Knighthood of St Gregory the Great. Mr McBain, aged 82, a retired accountant, has been a financial adviser to the Roman Catholic Church for more than 50 years. He is the first non-Catholic in Scotland to receive the honour.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, January 10, 1953

Stolen oil

Few legal judgments have wider implications than the judgment of the Supreme Court in Aden yesterday in the case of the Rose Mary. Mr Justice Campbell's decision (which may still be subject to appeal) that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is entitled to delivery of this ship's cargo of oil from Persia opens up new possibilities for the enforcement of international law in an important aspect. The development of backward countries is a pressing world concern, but one of the difficulties is to ensure that those risking their capital on alien soil can rely on their rights being protected. It is an undoubted principle of international law that a government must not appropriate the property of foreign nationals without giving adequate compensation in return. In Persia the obligation was reinforced and extended by solemn contractual ones. The laws by which the Persian Government expropriated the Anglo-Iranian Company's concession in 1951 were in flagrant breach of international law. The International Court at The Hague found that the dispute was outside its competence. Yesterday's judgment on the cargo of the Rose Mary shows that the international obligation can be tested and declared in municipal courts of law.

Today's engagements

Mass Labour rally organized by Paddington Constituency Labour Party, speaker Mr Michael Foot, MP, Porchester Hall, 8.
Lunchtime music: All-Hallows-by-the-Tower, organ recital, Professor Gordon Phillips, 12.15 and 1.15; St Giles Cripplegate, organ, Ian Le Grice, 1.10; St Mary-at-Hill, Bach cantata series: Cantata 124, Peter Lea-Cox, 1.15.
Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast; lecture, "A sense of place", by Seamus Heaney, poet of Ireland, 8.
Memorial services: Lady Zia Werner, Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, 11.30; Mr W. J. Brown, St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, noon; Major-General F. W. Burch, St Mary the Virgin, Dedham, 11.

EEC research grants

The following research grants have been made by the EEC Commission to Britain:
£63,375 over one year, to the British Steel Corporation, London, for organization of work to facilitate recovery from high load and extreme conditions.
£77,415, over two years, to BSC, for evaluation and development of an eye-face head respiratory protective assembly for use on coke ovens in iron and steel industry.
£75,405, over two years, to Institute of Medicine, c/o National Coal Board, Edinburgh, for investigation of operator's task in colliery control room.
£32,890, over three years, to NCB, London for investigation of finger and hand injuries in south Midlands area, NCB.
£25,025, over two years, to BSC, Oswestry, for study of low back pain in the steel industry.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Sir John Ford, aged 55, Ambassador to Indonesia, to be British High Commissioner to Canada, in in succession to Sir John Johnston, who is to retire in April.
Mr T. J. O'Brien, aged 56, Ambassador at Rangoon, to be Ambassador to Indonesia.
Mr S. D. Light, aged 58, under-secretary in charge of superannuation, allowances and the pay of the industrial civil service, to be a Civil Service commissioner in succession to Mr D. G. Daymond, as commissioner in general charge of recruitment policy. Mr Daymond to be co-chairman of the Final Selection Board on the retirement of Mr G. R. R. East on February 17.
Professor Richard Guyatt, Pro-Rector of the Royal College of Art, to be rector of the college on the retirement of Lord Esher in September.

Palaces on stamps

Caernarfon Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse and Hampton Court are featured on postage stamps to be issued in March to commemorate the Tower of London's 900th anniversary.

Thomas Hardy tribute

Members of the Thomas Hardy Society will lay a wreath at Stinsford Church, Dorset, on Sunday, to mark the burial of his heart there 50 years ago.

Awards for musicians

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, has awarded its 1978 music fellowships to Terence Judd and Gordon Fergus-Thompson, pianists, and David Wilson-Johnson, baritone. The awards are worth £3,500.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev W. Boardman, Vicar of St Paul's, Barton, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Rural Dean of West Wight.
The Rev M. E. Brown, Vicar of Aysgarth, diocese of Ripon, to be also priest-in-charge of Bolton-with-Redmire.
The Rev J. S. Cox, Rector of St George's, Birmingham, to be selection secretary for the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry.
The Rev L. Dennen, curate of St Mary's, Richmond, diocese of Southwark, to be parish priest of St John the Divine, Kennington, same diocese.
The Rev A. Dines, Rector of St Silas's, Glasgow, to be Rector of St Peter's, Gunton, diocese of Norwich.
The Rev A. L. Dunstan, Vice-Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, diocese of Oxford, to be residentiary canon of Gloucester Cathedral.
The Rev W. R. Hanford, Deputy Vicar of Brighton Parish Church, diocese of Chichester, to be canon residentiary and Precentor of Guildford Cathedral.
The Rev D. Hunt, Vicar of Burbage, with Savernake Christ Church, diocese of Salisbury, to be Rector of Cranfield, diocese of St Albans.
The Rev D. N. Mitchell, Vicar of St Stephen's, South Lambeth, diocese of Southwark, to be south-east area secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society.
The Rev A. P. Nichols, Rector of Middle with West Chinnock, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also curate-in-charge of Norton Sub Hamdon with Chiselborough.
The Rev D. C. W. Post, Vicar of Poughill, diocese of Truro, to be Vicar of Braddan and priest-in-charge of Santon and diocesan missioner, Sodor and Man.
The Rev J. Shepheard-Walwyn, Vicar of Wealleigh and Rector of Horwood, diocese of Exeter, to be priest-in-charge of Harberton and Harbertonford, same diocese.

Memorial services

Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon
The Queen was represented by General Sir Rodney Moore and the Duke of Edinburgh by Colonel Greville Tufnell at a memorial service for Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon, held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne and the Duke of Kent by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN. Archdeacon Mallett, Chaplain General to the Forces, officiated, assisted by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark, the Rev R. T. Wood and the Rev Joseph Linton. The Earl of Derby read the lesson. Among those present were:
Lady Bowes-Lyon (widow), Mr John Bowes-Lyon (son), Captain and Mrs David Bowes-Lyon (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs J. Goodhart (son-in-law and daughter), Camilla and Jamie Goodhart (grandchildren), Mrs Ross Llewellyn (sister), Dame Anne Parker-Bowles (sister-in-law), Sir Max and Lady Aitken and Mr and Mrs Fulke Walwyn (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs E. Pember, Mr and Mrs Adrian Ryder, Mr and Mrs Bruce Ryder, Miss Sandra Ryder, Mrs Charles Llewellyn, Major and Mrs Andrew Parker-Bowles, Mr and Mrs Simon Parker-Bowles, Mr Richard Parker-Bowles, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Paravicini, the Hon Maxwell and Mrs Aitken, the Hon Laura Aitken, Miss Jane Walwyn, the Hon Mrs Gilmour, Sir Rudolph and Lady de Trafford, the Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne, the Hon Albemarle Bowes-Lyon, Mr and Mrs Henry Tufnell, Sir John and Lady Beith, Mr Simon Bowes-Lyon,
The Duke of Norfolk, Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the Marquess and Marchioness of Exeter, Elizabeth Marchioness of Salisbury, the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Marquess of Cholmondeley, Major-General Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, Countess De La Warr, the Countess of Derby, the Countess of Perth, the Earl of Scarborough, the Earl and Countess of Dalhousie, Viscount and Viscountess Sidley, the Dowager Viscountess Allendale, Lord and Lady Irwin, Lord Buckhurst, Lord Ramsay, Lord Rupert Nevill, Lord and Lady Maclean, Lord and Lady Astor of Hever, Lord and Lady Wigram, Lady Hothfield, Lady Nugent, Lord and Lady Grimthorpe, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Dreda Lady Tryon, Lord and Lady Adeane, Lord Carrington, Daphne Lady Poole, Lady Herries, Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, Lady Sarah Fitzalan-Howard, Lady Rachel Pepys, Lady Rosemary Muir, Lady Margaret Fortescue, the Hon Angus Ogilvy, the Hon Mrs John Astor, the Hon Richard Beaumont, the Hon Mrs Wentworth Beaumont, the Hon Desmond Chichester, the Hon Mrs Ford, the Hon Mrs Wallace, the Hon David Russell, the Hon Mrs John Wills, Captain the Hon G. A. A. Hurbord-Hamond (representing Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Coldstream Guards).
Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer (Colonel, The Blues and Royals), Major-General Sir Randle Feilden, General Sir David and Lady Fraser, Sir Christopher and Lady Roydon, Sir Richard and Lady Hasch, Sir Roderick Brinckman, Sir Michael Duff, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Sir Gerard Newman, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir Jeffrey Darell, Sir Ralph Anstruther, Sir Edward Imbert-Terry, Sir Seymour Egerton, Major-General Sir John Marriott, General Sir Charles Jones (national president, Royal British Legion) and Lady Jones, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric and Lady Penn, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Sir George Gordon-Lennox, Lady Legge-Bourke, General Sir Basil Eugster (Colonel, Irish Guards), Sir John and Lady Margaret Colville, Major-General Sir George Burns (Colonel, Coldstream Guards), General Sir Victor and Lady FitzGeorge-Balfour, Air Marshal Sir William Coles (RAF Benevolent Fund), General Sir Cecil Blacker, Sir Charles Villiers, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts, Major-General Sir Philip and Lady Ward, Major-General Sir John and Lady Jane Nelson, General Sir Michael West, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, Sir Roger and Lady Jackling, Archdeacon Youens, Captain and the Hon Mrs E. Webb-Carter, Major and the Hon Mrs Bruce Shand, Colonel and Mrs Hugh Brassey, Mrs Bernard Gordon-Lennox, Major J. Fitz-Gerald, Major R. F. Birch-Reynardson, Major Houston Shaw-Stewart, Colonel Thomas and Lady Betty Winnington, Mr Jeremy Tree, Colonel Henry Clowes.
Colonel and Mrs Gerard Leigh, Mr John and Lady Gillian Anderson, Major-General R. J. D. E. Buckland, Mr and Mrs Dermot de Trafford, Major P. H. Cordle (representing Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding, Grenadier Guards), Major J. de Salis, Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Hanbury, Mr Peter Somervell, Major Hugo and Lady Caroline Waterhouse, Major and Mrs Arthur Collins, Miss Fiona Penn, Major W. Wilbour (Scots Guards), Colonel Alex Gregory Hood, Major-General E. H. Goulburn, Mr M. Festing, Captain and Mrs Leopold Lonsdale, Colonel and Mrs G. Draper, Lieutenant-Colonel Carol Mather, Mrs Charles Mills, Brigadier M. J. P. O'Cock, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. Steele, Mr Mark Baring, Colonel M. R. Lee (Welsh Guards), Major-General John Swinton (Commanding Household Division) and Mrs Swinton, Mr and Mrs Jocelyn Hambro, Mrs Peter Laycock, Lieutenant-Colonel John and Lady Winifrede Freeman, Mr John H. Thursby, Brigadier and Mrs H. G. Herwood, Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Goodhart, Major-General R. B. Loudoun (chairman, National Smallbore Rifle Association) with Captain J. Johnson (chief executive), Mrs Harold Phillips, Major David Butter, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs James Innes, Major-General Michael Gow, Mr J. Macdonald-Buchanan, Lieutenant-Colonel Desmond Brownlow, Captain Michael Tufnell, RN.
Mr and the Hon Mrs C. C. C. Bridge, Colonel J. A. C. G. Eyre (Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Household Cavalry), Lieutenant Colonel H. K. Sweeting, Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. C. Gaussen, Mr and Mrs E. H. de Trafford, Major and Mrs Peter Beckwith-Smith, Prince Georg of Denmark, Major A. Ussher, Major-General and Mrs R. Whitworth, Mr and Mrs Christopher Loyd, Captain Andrew Yates, Mrs John Sheffield, Mrs Charles Mills, Mr James Hambro, Mr and Mrs Rupert Hambro, Mrs John Dunlop, Lieutenant-Colonel G. J. Airy, Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. S. Besly, Mr A. E. Searly, Major R. M. O. de la Hey, Colonel T. R. R. Weston (chairman, Lowland TAVR Association) with Brigadier J. C. Balharrie, Major-General H. M. Liardet (president, Royal British Legion, Sussex) and Mrs Liardet, Major R. J. Morrissey Paine (The Life Guards), Major-General G. M. F. Deakin (president, Grenadier Guards Association) and Mrs Deakin, and Academy Sergeant Major, Sandhurst, Miss Annabel Bain, Colonel A. H. N. Reade (Royal Tournament), Mrs C. Williams (chairman, Women's Section, Royal British Legion, South-east Area) with Mrs J. Chesiyn Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel H. O. Hugh Smith, Brigadier Lesmond Langley, Mr and Mrs Charles Graham, Mr R. Crosby Cook (president, Royal British Legion, Surrey County) with Mr D. T. Knowles, Mr A. C. Gilmour (Joseph Sebag and Co), and Miss D. P. Morris (matron, Gifford House, Worthing) with Dr A. V. Gormick, Mr B. Lane and Mr and Mrs E. F. Mitchell.

Air Marshal Sir Tim Piper
A memorial service for Air Marshal Sir Tim Piper was held at St John's, Chirton, yesterday. The Rev Christopher Bryant and the Rev Barry Rawlings officiated. An address was given by General Sir Dudley Ward and the lesson was read by Air Commodore Richard Riseley-Prichard. Among those present were:
Lady Piper (widow), Mr John Vincent, Mr John Urquhart and Mme G. Cartier, Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron, Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack (representing the Air Force Board) and Lady Stack, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel and Lady Maynard, Vice-Admiral Sir Ian and Lady Hogg, Lady Humphrey, Lady Crowley-Milling, Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Gilbert (Air Officer Commanding 38 Group, Upavon) and Mrs Gilbert, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs C. M. Clementi, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs J. Downey, Major-General and Mrs L. de M. Thuillier and Major-General and Mrs A. E. Brocklehurst.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Bingham
A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Charles Bingham was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy yesterday. The Rev Geoffrey Lang (grandson-in-law) officiated, assisted by Canon Edwyn Young. Mr Nigel Bingham (son) read the lesson. Among those present were:
Mrs Nigel Bingham (daughter-in-law), Lord and Lady Alport (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Edward Alport, the Hon Mrs Lang, Mr and Mrs Robin Barber and Mr Ian Taylor (grandchildren), Mr Christopher Pratt, Mr Michael Pratt, Mrs Auriol Swetenham, Mr Alexander Martin, Mrs T. Bingham-Daly, Miss C. Bingham-Daly, Mr and Mrs Humphrey Bingham, the Hon John and Mrs Bingham, Mrs N. Heasle, Mr David James, MP.
Earl Alexander of Tunis, Lady Claud David Hamilton, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Hornung (representing The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard), Dame Anne Bryans (chairman, joint committee, Order of St John and British Red Cross, Hospital Library Department) with Miss M. J. Dowding and Miss V. B. Read, Mr Geoffrey and Dame Nancy Snagge, Mr Philip Bynam-Cooke, Major A. P. F. Napier (representing The Order of St John), Miss S. Fairclough, Miss M. Robinson, Major Tony Philipson, Mr and Mrs Guy Nery, Miss V. Lyon, Mrs E. Shaw, Mrs F. Colman, Miss Diana Harrison, Mrs Guy Carleton, Mr Derek Hunter, Mr Frank Carr, Miss B. de Vere Gibson and Major A. M. Parker.

Mr S. L. Higgs
A memorial service for Mr Sydney Limbrey Higgs was held at the Church of St Bartholomew the Less, Smithfield Gate, yesterday. The Rev R. H. Arnold, Hospitaller of St Bartholomew's Hospital, officiated. Mr C. W. S. F. Manning, consultant orthopaedic surgeon in charge, St Bartholomew's Hospital, read the lesson and Mr H. Jackson Burrows, consulting orthopaedic surgeon, gave an address.

OBITUARY

SIR JOHN LAING

Expansion of building and civil engineering firm

Sir John Laing, CBE, President of the Laing Group of Companies, died yesterday at the age of 98.

John William Laing was born in Carlisle in 1879, the grandson of James Laing, who founded the family building and civil engineering business in the Cumberland village of Sebergham in 1848. He was educated at Carlisle Grammar School and entered his father's business in Carlisle in 1895.

He was a pioneer in the construction industry, developing a successful business over a period of intense competition. From an early age he demonstrated exceptional powers of judgment and leadership—largely responsible for the early growth of the company which is today an international undertaking.

A recurring theme in his long and successful career was a keen interest in the application of scientific methods to the problems of construction. His introduction in the early years of the century of a precise system of costing laid a solid foundation for subsequent expansion. "It is surprising how seldom anything goes wrong if you tender correctly", was one of his favourite maxims.

In 1910 he married Beatrice Harland. Four years later he assumed full control of the firm. Under his direction it rapidly expanded into a national concern. In 1920 offices were opened in London, and in 1926 the headquarters was moved from Carlisle to North-West London at Mill Hill.

John Laing had a strong sense of responsibility for the welfare of his employees and it was by his foresight and initiative that many important schemes were pioneered in the construction industry. In 1920 he decided to make it possible for all employees to become shareholders in the Company.

His desire to encourage thrift brought him in close touch with the National Savings Movement in 1928. At that time his company contributed 1/- towards the cost of every National Savings Certificate purchased by its employees. This proved to be an important contribution to National Savings. It gave a clear lead to other companies in an industry traditionally regarded as one of the most difficult fields for the National Savings Movement.

He pioneered a contributory Holidays-with-Pay scheme in 1934, through which the Company issued holiday stamps and contributed an equal amount to that saved by employees. This scheme was a forerunner of the present Joint Scheme for the Building and Civil Engineering *Industries*.

It was early in life that John Laing made the decision to devote a definite portion of his time and resources to Christian and philanthropic work. He was a member of the Christian Brethren and always remained closely associated with the Church. In 1922 he formed a trust fund used largely for home and overseas' missionary work and general church activities.

He was responsible for the construction of many fine church buildings throughout the country and in 1956 signed the formal contract documents for the construction of the new Coventry Cathedral.

His church interests extended over a wide field and included such organizations as the British and Foreign Bible Society, Inter-Varsity Fellowship, the London Bible College, Scripture Gift Mission, and among youth movements the Crusaders' and the Covenanter Unions.

John Laing first became associated with the idea of establishing the London Bible College in 1939 but owing to the war, work did not begin until 1946. He became President of the college in 1959.

He joined the General Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society in 19[illegible] and became Vice-President [illegible] 1954 just before his 80th birthday. He visited India [illegible] its behalf and gave help [illegible] the society in the establishment of the Salisbury Bible House [illegible] Southern Rhodesia. In the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Authorized Version [illegible] the Bible and the New Translation in 1961, he was a member of the Joint Council set up [illegible] Lambeth Palace.

During the last war, in which his sons, Sir Maurice Laing and Sir Kirby Laing (now respectively chairman and deputy chairman of the company) were on active service, John Laing played an important part in the vital contribution made to the war effort by the construction industry. He served on a number of wartime committees concerned with the furtherance of research and the development of new techniques.

He became Chairman of the Building Research Committee in 1945; was Vice-Chairman of the National House Builders Registration Council, and Chairman of the Specifications Committee; he was a member of the Council of the Institute of Building. He was created CBE in 1951 and was knighted 1959.

His wife died in 1972.

MR ERIC PASOLD

Mr Eric Walter Pasold, OBE, who founded the Ladybird range of children's clothing, died in Lucerne, Switzerland, on January 5. He was one of the most remarkable industrialists of his day.

Born in 1905 in Fleissen, Bohemia, then part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, he entered the family knitting business on leaving textile college, and assumed control on the early death of his father in 1930. Yet, he was determined to build his dream factory in England, an aim which was realized in 1932, when he started Pasold's Ltd in this country.

His imagination, drive and inventiveness led the firm to become the largest manufacturer of children's wear in Europe, and his original approach to publicity made the Ladybird trademark a household name throughout the world. Eric Pasold loved his work and had the full cooperation and respect of his 5,000 employees. In 1964 Pasolds Ltd became a member of the Coats Patons Group and Eric Pasold joined the board of directors.

During the war he was chairman of the South of England Knitting Industries Association, a member of the council of the National Hosiery Manufacturers' Federation and served on the War Emergency Committee and the Post-War Reconstruction Committee. He sat on the grand council of the Federation of British Industries and its overseas policy committee. In 1946 as a member of the Combined Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee, he investigated and reported on the textile industry in Germany.

Eric Pasold was vice-chairman of the Hosiery and Knitwear Export Group and a founder member of the Crawley New Town Corporation. For his services he was made OBE.

His keen interest in history, particularly in the field of textiles, inspired him to establish the Pasold Research Fund. He was an honorary MA of Nottingham University.

Ill health forced him to retire in 1968. He moved to Switzerland where he worked on his book *Ladybird Ladybird—Story of Private Enterprise.*

This autobiography, acknowledged as an important contribution to the literature of business history, has recently been published. An engaging frank account of a man who sought challenges, who loved to ski, to swim, to pilot his plane on lonely journeys above the clouds; a bachelor who read fairy stories and wrote adventure serials for children's comics. Business colleagues respected him as an outstanding entrepreneur, museum curators knew him as an enthusiastic collector, and he delighted his friends with his knowledge and wit.

MARY KESSELL

B. D. writes:

Mary Kessell's reputation as an artist will survive on her drawings. She was a draughtsman in charcoal of exceptional talent combining strength and sensibility. It is difficult to place her work in relation to her contemporaries or its influences, it was entirely original. Mary Kessell's most active creative period was from 1944-1957. Bryan Robertson and other critics believe her finest achievement to be her studies of refugees while she was a war artist. This theme of human deprivation was to be repeated later in the 60s in a series of drawings made in India.

By contrast, this strength and humanity were never manifest in her oil paintings; these were pale and delicate abstractions from landscape, conspicuous for her use of cerulean blue and meticulous craftsmanship. A series of collages unfinished by her death showed remarkable originality and strength. Mary Kessell also designed jewelry. Those who studied under her generous tuition were inspired by her outspoken insistence on the highest standards in drawing and the use of materials. No one who knew her will forget her amusing and highly decorative personality.

Mary Kessell was a Londoner, educated at the Central Schools. She was official war artist 1945-47. There were four one-man shows at the Leicester Gallery between 1945 and 1959, and one in the New Grafton Gallery in 1968. She taught at the Central Schools until 1957 and at the London School of Printing till her death. Works are in The Tate Gallery, The Imperial War Museum and The National Gallery, Melbourne. She was married to Tom Eckersley, OBE, the distinguished graphic designer.

MISS JANE LANE

Miss Jane Lane, the historical writer died on January 6. A prolific and tireless novelist (she published her first novel in 1934 and continued producing novels almost to her death) she also wrote a number of historical works and biographies. She was born Elaine Kidner, adopting the name of Jane Lane as a pseudonym.

Her consuming interests were the seventeenth century, the Catholic Faith and the Stuart cause, concerns reflected in novels such as *Prelude to Kingship* (1936); *Come to the March* (1937); and *London Goes to Heaven* (1947); and in her historical writings which include *King James the Last* (1943) *Titus Oates* (1949); and *Puritan Rake and Squire* (1950). More recently her novels had increasingly reflected an interest in the Middle Ages.

She also wrote a number of books for children including *The Escape of the King* (1950) *Desperate Battle* (1953); and *The March of the Prince* (1965).

She was married to Andrew Dakers, a publisher.

BISHOP ASHDOWN

The Archdeacon of Northumberland writes:

Hugh Ashdown was a shy and reticent man, who shunned publicity and was ill-at-ease on social occasions. But where anyone was in trouble or need he had exceptional gifts of perception and understanding. Many priests in the diocese of Newcastle have reason to be grateful to him for his compassionate help. He was never too busy to see a person in distress or difficulty.

Busy he was—a compulsive worker who found it hard to relax and impossible to be idle. Yet to his staff he showed a constant courtesy and a readiness to overlook shortcomings, which was both encouraging and humbling.

Those who saw him only at a confirmation or other formal occasion could find him austere, and he certainly did not gladly suffer carelessness or slovenliness in the conduct of worship. But none could fail to be impressed by his sincerity and obvious concern for the Kingdom.

To those who knew him better he was a truly gentle man, whose passing we mourn and for whose life we are grateful.

Sally Eilers, an American leading lady of 1920s and 1930s films, has died at the age of 69. Among the films of Miss Eilers, who had co-starred with Norma Shearer, Spencer Tracy and Buster Keaton, were: *The Cradle Snatchers, State Fair* and *Bad Girl.*

MR N. J. FOSTER

Mr Neville John Acland Foster, the youngest and last of the seven brothers who played cricket for Worcestershire, died on January 10 in Malvern. He was 87.

The Foster family were so prominent in the county shortly after the turn of the century that Worcestershire became known as Fostershire. The best known was R. E. Foster, who played eight times for England. They were the children of the Rev H. Foster and their two sisters were also excellent games players.

Neville's first-class appearances were limited because he spent most of his life in Malaya and he captained that country at cricket.

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Public sector borrowing in line with Treasury's internal forecast

By David Blake
Economics Correspondent

Central government borrowed £785m in December to bring its total borrowing for the nine months of this financial year to £3,884m. This compares with £5,372m in the same months of 1976.

This suggests that the total public sector borrowing need during the current financial year will be around £6,800m, which is in line with internal Treasury forecasts.

The latest figures, released yesterday, seem to confirm the latest available estimates for the total government borrowing need during the year but raise a number of other questions in the light of figures released on Tuesday showing a sharp increase in the eligible liabilities of the banks.

The initial reaction of markets was that this increase was caused by an unusually large government borrowing need during December, caused by large tax repayments as a result of Mr Healey's October mini-Budget. The latest figures for Government borrowing do not seem to support that thesis.

Government borrowing need in December was at the lower end of market expectations. Revenue to the Consolidated Fund, which covers most of the central government sector, is still running slightly higher than expected because of greater receipts from the Inland Revenue than were predicted at the time of the Budget.

Some of this may reflect that there may be delays in working through the full impact of tax reliefs into pay packets and into cuts in government revenue. None the less, the suspicion must remain that the total outturn for the year will be significantly higher than predicted at Budget time. Receipts in December were also boosted by £500m from the sale of BP stock.

On the expenditure side, the out-turn is reasonably well in line with Budget predictions. During December itself there was a special item distorting the detailed figures. This was the grant to the Northern Ireland Electricity Authority to enable it to repay its debt to the National Loans Fund. This transaction did not affect the total of government borrowing needs, but it did increase the Consolidated Fund deficit.

Together, the figures for central government borrowing are consistent with the last set of statistics for the public sector as a whole, which suggested that the total public sector borrowing need during this financial year would be of the order of £6,700m, or slightly under the £6,800m forecast internally by the Treasury.

This is well below the published forecast of £7,500m released at the time of the October mini-Budget and £1,900m below the ceiling imposed under the terms of Britain's agreement with the International Monetary Fund.

BUDGET DEFICIT
(£ million)

Financial Years	National Loans Fund net lending	Deficit (+) from consolidated fund	Other transactions	Central government borrowing requirement
74-75	2351	3232	−486	5087
75-76	2736	5630	−563	5803
76-77	940	5594	−590	5994
1976				
Q1	820	881	−287	1414
Q2	443	1976	−215	2204
Q3	496	1541	−382	1655
Q4	−214	1709	18	1513
1977				
Q1	215	368	−11	572
Q2	594	1558	−422	1730
Q3	67	775	−487	457
1977				
Jan	41	1406	−203	−1244
Feb	58	408	160	624
March	118	1365	−292	1192
April	500	125	−187	438
May	192	973	58	1223
June	−98	460	−283	69
July	64	−208	−50	−194
Aug	−76	368	−362	−50
Sep	−35	780	−175	570
Oct	178	−392	50	−63
Nov	145	976	−46	1075
Dec	−164	1183	−234	785

Saudi hint of oil currency switch hits dollar

By Caroline Atkinson

Dollars were offloaded on the foreign exchange markets yesterday, driving the currency down to its lowest levels since the American decision last week to intervene actively in the markets to support the dollar. It closed at DM2.112 down from DM2.136, and SwFr1.976 compared to SwFr2.009, while the pound rose from $1.9185 to $1.939.

Dealers attributed the fall to reports that the Saudi Arabians might propose a switch in oil pricing from dollars to a basket of currencies (such as the International Monetary Fund special drawing rights), and to stories suggesting that there were strong disagreements over exchange rate policies between central bankers at their monthly meeting in Basle earlier this week. The latter have been denied privately both in London and elsewhere, and in public by the head of the Swiss central bank.

Suggestions that the oil exporting countries would choose to take some of their payments in currencies other than the dollar have been made at regular intervals during the dollar's recent weakness.

Yesterday morning a report from Rivadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, quoted a government spokesman as saying that his country might "propose at the next Opec conference that oil prices be set in terms of a basket of currencies rather than the dollar". At the same time the official from the oil ministry said that Saudi Arabia would not increase its oil prices this year.

Because the value of the dollar has dropped in recent months, the oil exporting countries have effectively taken a cut in revenues when expressed in currencies other than dollars. Washington sources have suggested that the American Administration's announcement last week of its willingness to support the dollar in international markets was strongly influenced by pressure from the oil exporters, in particular Saudi Arabia.

There are two ways in which Opec members are affected by a fall in the dollar. First, the value of their oil revenues is lower, and secondly, the value of their extensive dollar investments in America drops in terms of other currencies.

Until now the Saudi Arabians have generally dismissed suggestions that the oil price should not be fixed in terms of the dollar alone. They are also among the Opec "doves" who have argued for oil price stability. The failure of the Opec countries to agree on a new pricing policy at their recent conference in Venezuela has led to an effective freeze in the price for the next six months.

If it were decided to price oil in terms of a basket of currencies, the dollar price would vary according to the fortunes of the currency on the foreign exchanges. If the dollar fell against most other currencies, the dollar oil price would go up, and vice versa. Oil consumers would no longer benefit from cheaper oil with a falling dollar.

There have been rumours that some oil exporters have already started asking for payments in sterling. The British Government is committed to a rundown of the role of sterling as a reserve currency. However it would probably not object if payments were taken in pounds as long as the pounds were then converted into other currencies rather than used to build up sterling balances. Sterling's effective exchange rate rose yesterday by 0.1 to 65.8.

Peter Norman writes from Bonn: The rise in the value of the Deutsche mark in 1977, in particular against the dollar, has caused the West German Federal Bank to write down the value of its monetary reserves by DM7,880m to DM88,300m. The mark rose last year by 8.2 per cent against the other currencies of the world and 12.2 per cent against the dollar.

Washington claim of intervention success

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Jan 11

Mr Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury, believes that recent United States intervention in the foreign exchange markets has achieved the aim of quieting down share fluctuations in the dollar's rate.

He asserted today that the intervention did not represent a change in currency policies and reflected the Administration's main aim of eliminating disorderly market conditions.

The Treasury Secretary said that forthcoming Administration economic policy announcements would set the stage for orderly and steady growth in the economy. The Administration would be announcing details of a revised anti-inflation programme late next week.

The Carter Administration believes that its forthcoming messages can strengthen confidence in the economic outlook both here and abroad. Mr Blumenthal said today that the Administration was confident of achieving real gross national product growth this year of between 4.5 and 5 per cent.

Mr Blumenthal said the anti-inflation programme would not involve controls of any kind, nor would it rely exclusively on "moral suasion". Press reports suggest that the Administration is planning to outline desired wage and price guidelines and stress that unions and companies exceeding them would feel the full moral pressure of the White House against their actions.

Further cuts must be made in the inflation rate, which remained far too high, Mr Blumenthal said. The economy was starting the new year from a strong base.

Wall Street down: New York share prices fell yesterday for the seventh day in a row. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.63 to 775.90.

MPs told of dim outlook for long-life light bulbs

Whatever happened to long-life light bulbs, the Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology asked three lighting companies in Committee Room 16 at Westminster yesterday. "We make them, but people do not appear to want them", was the general reply.

One reason for people not wanting them, to be sure, is the fact that they tend not to be stocked at supermarkets and the like, where many bulbs are now bought—mainly by women, and with precious little brand loyalty, a Crompton Lighting witness commented.

Another reason, the industry witnesses were agreed, was that long-life bulbs were both more expensive and less efficient. They cost about 20 per cent more than a conventional, 1,000-hour domestic bulb; and their light output is 20 per cent less.

Conventional filament lamps are grossly inefficient, also, it emerged, when compared with fluorescent tubes and other forms of discharge lighting. Hence the widespread adoption of tubes in industry—and increasingly in bathrooms and kitchens, but not the living room, in the home.

The Select Committee is looking into "the durability and efficiency of filament and discharge lamps". This follows recurrent sniping at the industry by other outside observers on the grounds that it acts against the public interest in unfairly limiting the rated lives of its products.

Mr I. H. Cohen, divisional director of Philips lighting division, said that the cost of the lamp, the cost of the energy it consumed, and the convenience or inconvenience of replacement were all factors which affected the rated life of domestic lamps. By international agreement, a rate life of 1,000 hours was the best compromise.

Purchase of a 20p domestic lamp, Mr Cohen said, committed the purchaser to a cost of about £2.60 in electricity to power the lamp during its life. The power consumption of conventional filament lamps was such that they represented an inefficient way of producing light.

Mr J. Birch, chairman and managing director of Crompton Lighting, told the committee that the longer rated lives of discharge lamps on the United States market, compared with those of comparable lamps on the British market, arose from differences in the test procedure for establishing the rated life.

Suggestions that the American system was fairer to the customer arose from a misunderstanding about these differences, he said.

Crompton's double-life filament bulb cost 20 per cent more than the conventional 1,000-hour version but its light output was 20 per cent less, the committee was told. The company had been unsuccessful in trying to persuade the newer High Street outlets such as supermarkets to stock the double-life lamps.

Mr P. R. Sansom, joint managing director of Osram (GEC), stressed the relative inefficiency of the long-life filament lamps. There would be enormous savings in energy if domestic users changed from filament lamps to fluorescent tubes.

Replying to Mr Ted Leadbitter, a member of the committee, Mr Sansom denied that there was any cartel of manufacturers which was keeping the life of lamps short for the domestic consumer.

Kenneth Owen

Record year for foreign car sales in Britain

By Edward Townsend.

Imported cars sold in the United Kingdom last year rose to 600,577, a rise of more than 112,600 on 1976, to capture a record 45.4 per cent of the market.

The rising fortunes of the foreign car has once again underlined the inability of British manufacturers, particularly British Leyland, to meet demand. Last year's total sales were 1,323,000, three per cent higher than 1976 and the biggest market since the record 1.7million sales in 1973, yet the United Kingdom industry is estimated to have lost 400,000 cars last year because of strikes.

Mr David Plastow, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders which issued the year's figures today, said last night "Without home produced cars to sell dealers become dispirited—and so do potential customers. The range of cars from British factories is superb. If they were available every one would be sold."

The Japanese manufacturers, who planned for no "significant" rise in exports to the United Kingdom in 1977, captured 10.6 per cent of the market against 9.4 per cent a year earlier.

Overall market leader last year was Ford with 25.7 per cent against Leyland Cars' 24.3 per cent. Leyland sold 30,000 fewer cars in 1977 than in 1976.

Mr Carter's envoy arrives for tougher round of talks

US stresses dangers of protectionism if Japan fails to offer more concessions

In an attempt to ward off an impending trade war, American officials apparently warned Japan yesterday that it is offering too little, too late in the form of economic concessions to avert the threat of protectionism in Washington.

The warning came at a preliminary meeting of trade officials in Tokyo yesterday, shortly before Mr Robert Strauss, President Carter's special negotiator, flew into Tokyo for a crucial round of ministerial talks with Japanese leaders this week.

According to American officials, Mr Strauss will attempt to extract substantial and concrete concessions from Japan, designed to reduce Tokyo's $8,000m trade surplus with the United States.

[On his arrival last night Mr Strauss said he did not expect much from the negotiations.]

Setting the tone for the first round of ministerial talks today, an advance team of American officials hinted that President Carter's Administration expects Japan to turn its $10,000m current account surplus with the rest of the world into a deficit within the next two years.

The indirect warning was issued to a leading delegation of Japanese economic planners yesterday.

In reply, the Japanese officials pointed out that their surplus of $10,000m on the current account could be expected to be reduced only to a surplus of $6,000m within the next fiscal year.

Bowing partly to American demands during an earlier meeting of trade officials in Tokyo, Japanese negotiators declared that the government would reduce import duties on 318 items before the conclusion of multinational negotiations on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Japan has also agreed to increase quotas on a limited number of restricted goods and stimulate the economy during the next fiscal year to spur demand for imports.

American demands for a larger share of Japan's beef and citrus fruit markets have touched off protests from the country's powerful farm lobby.

However, Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, confronted with the growing threats of protectionism in the United States has, in a symbolic gesture, agreed to increase import quotas on citrus fruit, orange juice and beef allocated to hotels. But this last gesture will provide America with a mere $5m in export earnings.

Japanese officials also declared that an expansionary budget had been drawn up to provide Japan with a 7 per cent growth rate this year, a step, which Mr Fukuda claims, will stimulate domestic demand for imports.

However, American officials, led by Mr Alan Wolff, Mr Strauss's deputy, have apparently asked the Japanese to make more tangible concessions to ward off the growing threat of protectionism.

According to the Japanese press, the United States has asked Japan to make additional reductions on the tariffs of a large number of industrial goods, including two controversial items—colour films and computers. It is believed that Japan has so far refused to make any further concessions during the preliminary round of discussions with Mr Wolff.

Many American business observers in Tokyo believe that the Japanese might back down again when they meet Mr Strauss, known to be a tough and straightforward negotiator, during the next two days.

At the same time, the American negotiators appeared to soften slightly their attitude yesterday when Mr Wolff declared that Japan could not be expected to reverse her projected $17,000m trade surplus with the world this year in an overnight miracle.

Senior officials from Japan's economic planning agency also assured Mr Wolff's delegation that the country would no longer depend on exports as the prime means of stimulating economic growth.

The officials claimed that their government would attempt to reduce Japan's $10,000m current account surplus to a level of $6,000m during the next fiscal year. However, many observers remain sceptical on this score.

Peter Hazelhurst
in Tokyo

Inco holding treble its normal stock of nickel

By Desmond Quigley

Nickel stocks carried by Inco, the world's largest nickel producer, last year rose to substantially more than its total sales and to nearly three and a half times the normal level.

Mr J. Edwin Carter, Inco's chairman and chief executive, told the Select Committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday that the company's nickel inventories were estimated at about 340 million pounds at the end of December, while deliveries amounted to 310 million pounds.

The company has previously stated that it considers a stockpile of 100 million pounds to be normal.

Mr Carter was explaining why Inco and Falconbridge are having to make heavy production cutbacks because of the major crisis facing the nickel industry. Inco has announced plans to reduce output by about 15 per cent.

Last year's sales were 100 million pounds below the figure for 1976 and 239 million under the level of 1974, while inventories rose by 105 million pounds during the year. Inco's inventory now stands at 31 per cent of non-communist world consumption in 1966. The figures do not take into account Indonesian and Guatemalan projects.

Meanwhile, Southern Peru Copper, in which ASARCO has a 52.3 per cent interest, announced yesterday that it did not expect to be able to meet the conditions laid down under a $53.4m (about £27.6m) loan negotiated last October. The loan was agreed to enable the Cuajone copper mine to refinance maturing amortization payments to the banks advancing new funds.

About $20m is scheduled to be paid to a consortium of banks headed by Chase Manhattan next week and a further $23m of interest and other amortization payments is due later this month.

SPCC is hoping to meet these debt service obligations as they mature with cash from early payment by copper buyers.

The company could not meet the conditions, it stated, because it had been unable to get "the required documentation" from the Peruvian government.

$500m electricity loan is rescheduled

By Bryan Appleyard

The Electricity Council is to repay a $500m loan in February, only 15 months after it was raised and four years before repayment is due.

This is in line with government policy of repaying foreign loans with a view to smoothing out the debt repayment "hump" which occurs between 1979 and 1984, when estimated repayments totalling $20,000m, or 80 per cent of total external debt fall due.

The council loan is likely to be entirely domestically rescheduled with the help of the National Loans Fund, now a cheaper source than the Euromarkets, maturing after 1984.

Repayment pushes the likely minimum total of government debt repayment this year up to almost $2,500m. Of this $830m will probably be repaid to the International Monetary Fund and another $950m from nationalized industries falls due. In addition another four loans totalling $160m are to be repaid.

Much of the $950m will be escheduled into longer-term money maturing beyond 1984, but the overall picture will be one of net repayment of loans. In addition other loans could well be repaid during the year where the Government finds it possible and convenient.

The Electricity Council loan is a particularly strong repayment candidate because it was negotiated in November, 1976, when sterling and the reserves were at rock bottom. The interest rate was consequently 1¼ points over London Inter Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR).

Since then competition to lend money in the Euromarkets has increased, and the United Kingdom's credit standing has been transformed to the point where a rate of ¾ of a point over LIBOR could be expected.

However, two factors are said by the Treasury to be inhibiting further repayments: penalty clauses on early repayments—there was no such clause on this loan—and the actual size of the reserves. Though they are huge, the Treasury is still concerned that some of this is made up of speculative funds which cannot be relied upon.

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No great drama, BSC chief says

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ready to give further evidence to the Commons committee after the Government had published its proposals for the future of the steel industry.

He said: "If Parliament so decides, we shall lodge the papers with them. I think they will be found not to be very revealing. They are the kind of documents a company might have with its bankers and shareholders [in BSC's case the Government] when that company is running at a loss. There is no great drama, but public discussion of them would not help the negotiations very much."

Members of the select committee made abundantly clear yesterday that they do not consider Sir Charles's offer to appear before them at a later date as at all adequate. The committee's job was to provide the best information and advice to Parliament on the operations of the BSC, the MPs said.

Sir Charles remained unmoved, however. He suggested that it was legitimate to inquire whether the committee considered it more important that it should complete its report than that the corporation should complete its negotiations with the unions and the Government for tackling the crisis. "Perhaps they could have waited a little longer", he added.

Sir Charles strongly denied that he or the corporation had turned a blind eye to the worsening world situation or had attempted to deceive the committee. His evidence to the committee in May last year, he said, demonstrated that the corporation was fully aware of the worsening trend in the steel market.

Paul Routledge writes: Union leaders meet senior British Steel Corporation executives today to discuss many of the points raised in the Select Committee's report. They will argue that they are making progress on many issues raised in the MP's criticism of the industry and its labour force.

Mr William Sirs, chairman of the TUC Steel Committee and general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, said last night: "Naturally we do not object to reports designed to help the nationalized steel industry".

But he did not think the Select Committee had been strong enough in calling for trade union involvement in the planning process. The BSC and the unions have set up a working party to draw up a scheme for industrial democracy.

Mr Sirs agreed with the call for higher productivity from existing plant rather than buying costly new plant.

The steel unions are seeking some form of capital restructuring for the MSC to relieve the corporation of its growing burden of interest payments, now running at about £200m a year.

The ISTC general secretary conceded that there was some over-manning in the industry, but insisted that the unions had begun to tackle the problem, citing the agreement to close down Hartlepool works at a cost of 1,500 jobs.

On the committee's recommendation that there should be one union in the industry, Mr Sirs pointed out that the ISTC, which is by far the largest, was already engaged in merger talks with the white-collar Steel Industry Management Association, and would take the initiative by approaching the National Union of Blastfurnacemen.

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Sir Charles Villiers yesterday.

New sign of lower inflation

Further indication of slackening in the inflation rate came yesterday when the Price Commission's index to December, a peak month for price-change notifications, showed only a small rise over the previous month.

The index, based on price notifications by major companies over a six-month period expressed as an annualized rate, is quickest of all the inflation indicators to pick up a change in the trend.

For the six months to December the annual rate was 6 per cent compared with the November level of 5.8 per cent. Both monthly figures indicate a much flatter trend in the underlying rate of notified price increases, the Commission said, yesterday.

Month's fall in American jobless s 'remarkable'

Vashington, Jan 11

Unemployment in the United tates fell substantially last onth. The number of unemployed dropped to 6.37 illion from 6.82 million and fr Julius Shiskin, the American ommissioner of Labour tatistics, described the decline s "remarkable".

In the last month the unmployment rate moved down 6.4 per cent from 6.9 per cent lews of the fall came as a reat surprise and takes the rate its lowest level since ctober, 1974.

President Carter said he was elighted with the latest figures I think the most important gures are that we have got 1 million more people employed now than a year ago," said. The best improvement the history of this country." Officials admitted that they ould not explain fully the xtent of the decline, although they pointed out that e economy had grown in the urth quarter more rapidly an many economists had prected.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 204.45+0.85
The FT index: 487.2+2.7

Rises

Barclays	7p to 345p	McCorquodale	12p to 240p
Coral Leisure	6p to 129p	Nat W'minster	8p to 295p
Decca	10p to 505p	Racal	6p to 210p
ERF Hldgs	10p to 146p	Rank Org	6p to 257p
Harmony	8p to 347p	Scot & Merc 'A'	10p to 131p
Highland	10p to 150p	Tyndall O'Seas	44p to 675p
Lloyds	7p to 295p	Unilever	6p to 540p
Midland	11p to 398p	Winkelhaak	16p to 579p

Falls

Bilton Percy	6p to 180p	Oil Explo	20p to 276p
BP	16p to 816p	Peko Wallsend	15p to 370p
Bradford Prop	5p to 227p	Taylor Woodrow	6p to 404p
Dalgety	14p to 229p	Tricentrol	6p to 166p
Dixons Photo	6p to 169p	Venterspost	15p to 273p
Martin-News	6p to 234p	Western Areas	8p to 168p

Equities edged ahead.
Gilt edged securities closed firm.
Dollar premium: 66⅔ per cent (effective rate 22.95 per cent).
Sterling gained just over 2 cents to $1.9390. The effective exchange rate index was at 65.8.

Gold lost $0.75 to $172,375.
SDR-$ was 1.21459 on Wednesday while SDR-£ was 0.629909.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1423.9 (previous 1420.0).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.75	1.69
Austria Sch	30.50	28.50
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.50
Canada $	2.16	2.11
Denmark Kr	11.45	11.05
Finland Mkk	7.95	7.70
France Fr	9.30	8.98
Germany Dm	4.25	4.03
Greece Dr	9.20	8.75
Hongkong $	9.20	8.75
Italy Lr	1810.00	1690.00
Japan Yn	485.00	460.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56	4.34
Norway Kr	10.18	9.83
Portugal Esc	89.50	84.00
S Africa Rd	2.05	1.92
Spain Pes	165.50	159.50
Sweden Kr	9.23	8.88
Switzerland Fr	3.99	3.77
US $	1.97	1.92
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	37.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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SE attacks idea of laws on public accountability

By Christopher Wilkins

The Stock Exchange has vigorously rejected government suggestions that the concept of public accountability of companies should be incorporated into company law. This is the central feature of a submission to the Department of Trade in response to the Green Paper, *The Future of Company Reports*, which was published last July.

The Stock Exchange has been particularly concerned at references in the Green Paper to "wider accountability" of directors, and subsequent comments by Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, a Department of Trade minister, that the activities of large companies were material to the communities in which they operated and that companies should therefore produce more information.

It says that company law is concerned with the obligations of companies to their shareholders and creditors, and that disclosure obligations are thus related to the information requirements of these two groups. "We believe that this should continue to be the primary concern of company law", it says.

While companies can be made legally accountable to specific groups in relation to particular matters, the exchange argues that the concept of accountability to the public at large "could not be given, nor should it be given, legal form".

The concept of public accountability, it says, "may lead other user groups to suppose that there is some basis of accountability to them simply because disclosure is required. They will therefore in due course seek to influence the decisions which give rise to the information disclosed".

On proposals outlined in the Green Paper it would welcome the inclusion in reports of statements on added value, source and application of funds, short term borrowings, leasing commitments and foreign currency translations.

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Re-locating?



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Dockers go back at Liverpool today

By R. W. Shakespeare

Efforts to clear the big backlog of cargo will begin in the port of Liverpool today when about 6,000 dockers end their strike and return to work.

The decision to call off the stoppage, which left more than 40 ships lying idle over the past week, was taken by the men yesterday. They agreed to accept proposals worked out between union officials and the Liverpool Port Employers' Association which amounts to a compromise.

The employers have stuck to their guns over retaining rights to redeploy men during a so-called "twilight" evening shift between the main day shift and the night shift, so that men on this shift are given sufficient work to occupy them for a full six hours.

But they have agreed to union demands that holiday pay should be restored to 60 men whose pay was stopped because of absenteeism during the Christmas and new year holiday periods. They will not, however, pay the men for time lost when they refused to be redeployed.

The two other big strikes on Merseyside, at car plants, are still unresolved. Ford assembly plant at Halewood is out of production, with 1,000 press shop workers on strike and another 8,000 workers laid off. Production of the top-selling Escort car range is halted.

At Speke, British Leyland's Triumph plant is still closed where a strike by 2,000 production workers is in its 11th week. Another 1,500 workers there and 2,000 at the Triumph plant in Coventry are laid off and Leyland has lost output of TR7 and Dolomite cars worth more than £60m.

Today senior Leyland management and national union officials will again be meeting at the London headquarters of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service in an effort to find a peace formula.

However, the difficulty facing both sides is that the strike at Liverpool is unofficial, and the union cannot therefore give any firm undertakings regarding the terms on which the Liverpool men will be prepared to call off their strike.

Today senior executives from Leyland Cars will be meeting shop steward representatives from all of the company's car plants at a joint consultation conference at which the stewards are expected to demand a detailed explanation of the plans being drawn up by Mr Michael Edwards, Leyland's new chairman.

Hope of annual accounting for VAT

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Changes in the operation and administration of value-added tax may flow from from a review now in progress by the Treasury and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise. There are hopes of a switch to annual accounting for tax liability but with quarterly payments.

Evidence on the present administrative methods was invited by the Customs and Excise authorities in August. Results of the soundings among trade associations, professional organizations, and individual VAT payers are now being assessed with a view to a government statement on conclusions.

In the Commons on Monday, Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, stated at the end of a debate on reports of the Committee of Public Accounts that the Government hoped to comment in the next Budget on aspects of the VAT system.

The main aim of the review is to see how any burdens on VAT payers can be reduced. At the same time a report from the Conservative Party's Task Force, which proposed various reforms, has been examined. One matter under discussion is the question of providing some relief from the indirect tax on bad debts.

The problem is that VAT is a multi-stage tax and because of the credit mechanism the proposed relief could affect the Exchequer disproportionately. The Exchequer could find itself refunding tax more than once.

Last year the Customs experts set out the problems in a discussion paper as a basis of consultations on this aspect of VAT.

A new European directive has already been published which will govern how far the Government can go in any reforms without disrupting the drive for harmonization.

During debate on the Finance Act 1977, the Treasury said it was only right, since VAT had been operating since 1973, to look at matters concerning the improvement of Britain's system. It promised an objective and comprehensive look in the light of comments received.

Banco di Roma chief arrested at home

From John Earle
Rome, Jan 11

Signor Mario Barone, who wassuspended in November as joint managing director of Banco di Roma, Italy's fourth biggest bank, was arrested today at his home here. The warrant was issued by the Milan magistrate investigating the collapse of the empire of the Sicilian-American financier, Signor Michele Sindona.

Signor Barone, who is 57, is accused of falsely suppressing and concealing documentary evidence, and has been asked to produce a list of over 500 accounts through which currency was allegedly smuggled to Switzerland through Signor Sindona's bank, Banca Privata Italiana.

In 1974 Banco di Roma took over Signor Sindona's Italian banking and property interests just before the collapse of his financial empire.

Signor Barone spent 24 hours under arrest last November on the grounds of reticence during questioning by the Milan magistrate, but was released on condition he collaborated in providing full information. He and Signor Giovanni Guidi, the other joint managing director, were then suspended pending the outcome of the magistrate's investigation and of an internal inquiry by the bank.

One allegation being examined is that Banco di Roma obtained Bank of Italy authorization shortly before the crash in 1974 for these 500 accountholders to be reimbursed, while the small customers of Banca Privata Italiana did not receive any repayment.

Signor Barone was detained early this morning at his home in a Rome residential suburb by the finance police, who arrested him under Articles 490 and 495 of the penal code concerning the suppression and concealment of evidence.

His arrest coincided with reports that the long-standing Italian request for Signor Sindona's extradition from the United States may be decided at a New York court hearing tomorrow.

Offices near Bank to be let at £3.2m

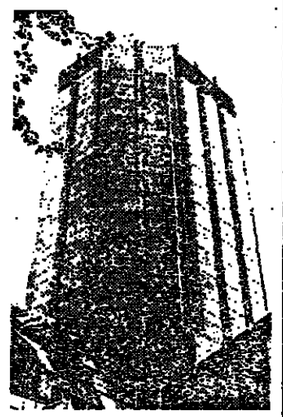
By Our Estates Correspondent

A rent of £3,275,000 a year is being asked for Angel Court, the new City office building in Throgmorton Street.

The building, which provides about 175,000 sq ft of offices, plus about 42,000 sq ft of ancillary space, is a development by the Clothworkers' Company, which has owned properties on the site for several centuries, in conjunction with Electricity Supply Nominees, the pension fund of the electricity supply industry.

The rent, computed at about £17.50 a sq ft, reflects the value of a site which is almost adjacent both to the Stock Exchange and the Bank.

Designed by Fitzroy Robinson and Partners, Angel Court has a building cost of about £15m.



Angel Court, City.

The building consists of an octagonal tower block with 19 usable floors, flanked by two blocks of four floors. Completion is due in June and letting is through Richard Ellis and St Quintin Son and Stanley.

Crédit Suisse denies fall in standards of secrecy

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Jan 11

Crédit Suisse in Zurich today denied that it had relaxed its standards of banking secrecy in handing over details of numbered accounts to an Italian magistrate last November.

The incident, which has caused concern in Italian financial circles, arose in the course of proceedings against the bank brought by Signor Ferdinando Bozzo, the former head of Molini Certosa, an Italian company that is now controlled by Crédit Suisse.

A spokesman for the bank in Zurich today confirmed that the magistrate, who visited Crédit Suisse headquarters on November 24, had been given documents pertaining to the bank "since Crédit Suisse has nothing to hide".

He added that the bank was obliged to give the magistrate details of transactions with Signor Bozzo, including information about numbered accounts. But he said this was not a breach of Swiss banking secrecy because it was Signor Bozzo who had given the bank account numbers to the magistrate and, in the circumstances, the bank had no alternative but to cooperate under the terms of the Swiss-Italian legal cooperation treaty.

The bank confirms that Herr Oswald Aeppli, its chairman, had been sent a formal notification of an inquiry by an Italian magistrate, and assumes from this that a further case is being prepared against Crédit Suisse.

Accountants study DoT criticisms

By Nicholas Hirst

Criticisms of accountants in the Department of Trade report on London Capital Group, which was run by Mr John Stonehouse, the former Labour Cabinet minister, are to be considered by the Professional Standards Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The report will be looked at by a subcommittee chaired by Mr Martin Harris, the former head of the Takeover Panel, which has power to refer its findings through the Institute's investigation committee to the disciplinary committee, if action is thought necessary.

Sir Charles Hardie, senior partner of Dixon Wilson, London Capital's auditors, was criticized b ythe inspectors as were accountants working for the group.

Turkish and Greek cloth curbs agreed

By Edward Townsend

Britain's textile industry will welcome an announcement, expected today from the Department of Trade, that imports to the EEC of cotton yarn and cloth from Greece and Turkey are to be subject to voluntary limits.

This will calm fears that after the expiry of quota arrangements on December 31 last year the Greek and Turkish textile industries would be free to export to EEC countries without restriction.

The Department of Trade is expected to say that under a separate arrangement negotiated by the European Commission and the two countries, exports will be limited to agreed levels and be subject to surveillance licences. These will cover exports to the EEC and to individual member states.

Uncertainty over the treatment of low-cost imports from the EEC's Mediterranean associates such as Greece and Turkey has provided some concern since the renewal of the Multi Fibre Arrangement.

Meanwhile, the British Clothing Industry's Joint Council has urged the Government to reconsider its decision to terminate the system of temporary employment subsidy at the end of March.

In a letter to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, the council says that almost half of the jobs protected by TES has come from the clothing and textile industries. As the economic indicators for the industry did not show any signs of improvement, there was no doubt that ending the subsidy would have a significant effect on employment levels in the clothing industry.

A more optimistic view of the industries was taken yesterday by Mr Jack Macgougan, general secretary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, who said the renegotiation o fthe MFA was "a morale booster" for the United Kingdom industry.

STC head puts case for degree in technology

By Rodney Cowton

A proposal to establish a degree in technology based on experience and post-academic training was put forward yesterday by Mr K. G. Corfield, deputy chairman and managing director of Standard Telephones and Cables.

He advanced his idea at a conference organized by the British Institute of Management to consider the discussion paper on Industry, Education and Management, which was published last July by the Department of Industry.

In discussing the need to motivate technically trained and experienced personnel who had not gained a degree, he said: "The proposal is to make available by a special form of examination a degree in technology to those who can show certain prerequisites of education, training and experience, but who in the last few decades have, in fact, escaped the net of university education to degree standard.

"By this I include holders of the Higher National Certificate an dengineering diplomas who have continuously exercised their talents in the service of industry and whose performance under written and oral test approximates to those of a university graduates of similar length of experience.

"The opportunity to acquire a degree based on the curriculum of experience and post-academic training could be a major motivational force in bringing a new vigour to industry. It is democratic, it is fair, it is practical and need in no way dilute the value of existing degrees from which it should be clearly distinguished.

"Its ultimate value would, of course, depend on the care and selectivity with which it was granted. But as to its value in demonstrating much-needed respect for practising technicians and engineers in all branches of manufacturing industry I have no shadow of doubt", Mr Corfield said.

Sir Alex Smith, chairman of the Schools Council and director of Manchester Polytechnic criticized industry for not recognizing "the importance of what happens to young people in their development through the age of about 15 to their early twenties.

"These are critical years for enlisting their interest and involvement, or for losing them, and by and large industry and management lose them because they choose not to be very interested in the development of young people."

He also condemned the failure to implement the recommendation of the Henniker-Heaton Committee in 1964 that the number of boys and girls obtaining day release from employment for further education should be doubled to 500,000.

No recovery in building seen until next year

By John Huxley

This year will be the worst for the construction industry since 1963 the National Council of Building Material Producers predicted yesterday. In a fact sheet, *A Bleak Outlook for Construction*, the council says that recovery in the industry will not begin until 1979.

"In spite of the £630m that the Chancellor has restored to public spending on construction since March, 1977, the industry is facing two lean years. More than £2,000m has been cut from public spending since 1973, £1,000m being construction's share in 1976 alone.

"The Government's restoration to the spending programme is in real terms little more than *half of the value of the cuts* made in 1976."

The council adds that one in seven building employees is now unemployed. Recently the council has taken a more pessimistic outlook than other forecasting organizations.

The joint forecasting committee for the building and civil engineering little neddies, for instance, suggested last month that the worst of the recession occurred last year and that output this year would increase by 2 per cent.

Insolvency law inquiry to hear oral evidence

The Insolvency Law Review Committee, set up by the Government last January to examine the law on insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation and receiverships, is to start taking oral evidence today.

The committee, chaired by Mr Kenneth Cork, a leading chartered accountant and insolvency specialist, has been asked to consider the case for legal reforms.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No intervention by the Secretary of State on locomotive manning

From the Chairman of the British Railways Board

Sir, Before another story of ministerial intervention in the affairs of nationalized industries enters our folk lore, may I make clear that the Railways Board has received no letter or direction of any kind from the Secretary of State for Transport, or any of his officials, relating to the manning of Class 56 locomotives.

The board has made clear that the Class 56 locomotives, principally employed on freight trains, should be manned in accordance with the 1965 manning agreement, so that they will be single-manned subject to the limits on mileage and hours as set out in that agreement. ASLEF are pressing for double-manning in all circumstances.

We are working to resolve the issue by negotiation, and our progress in balance discussion is not advanced on a banana skin of rumour and recrimination.

We are firmly committed to seeking sensible productivity improvements—and in many areas as well as the driver's cab.

This is what Mr Clifford Rose, the board member for personnel, made quite clear in his address to the Railway Study Association quoted in Richard Hope's article today (January 11): it is imperative that BR follow up previous improvements in productivity with more fundamental change.

We are under no illusions about the difficulties and Richard Hope, who must be concerned about the source of the rumoured intervention, should know that we are demoralized.

As the *International R way Journal* said in December issue: "Morale BR staff is now higher tha has been for many years. management exudes con ence".

Knowing Mr Hope, I hardly credit that he person seriously believes that a ch man subject to the sort of tailed interference he cribed would remain in the

Indeed, does he serio believe the Secretary of S would want a chairman did?

Yours faithfully,
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Use of the North Sea oil revenues

From Lord Balogh

Sir, Owing to a mischance I have only just seen Lord Cromer's attack on me (article, January 3) in connection with the discussion in your letter columns on the use of North Sea oil and gas revenue (in parenthesis I would like to remind him that those revenues would have been a small fraction of the total now expected had the previous government's disastrous licensing and taxation policies continued). Lord Cromer, like his ex-colleague Mr Phillimore of Barings (November 29), believes that a liberalisation of direct investment would stimulate internal investment and exports and in the end give maximum benefit to the country. To buttress his argument he quotes some data on US giant multilateral firms. This is quite irrelevant to the question of whether controls over exports of capital should be maintained here. What Lord Cromer demonstrates is that US giant companies are very successful. I quite agree but his figures prove only that these giants (including his own, the IBM) have very strongly increased their hold on both domestic and foreign business and thus the degree of international oligopoly, especially in finished product markets.

His hopes for the beneficent effects of an unregulated export of capital are surely extravagant. In fact Britain in the period 1900-13 invested more than half of its annual savings abroad without making any advance at all at home. Germany and the US are cited as examples in favour of capital exports. It should be noted that they, especially the Germans, are far behind in the *relative weight* of total foreign investment. Moreover our investment has been often financed on the basis of short-term liabilities, a process which from time to time resulted in grave liquidity crises.

He prudently selected 1960-70 as the base point of his argument, ie, a period of strict control. Since then our foreign investment soared and as against his £3,554m in eleven years investment increased to £7,382m in six years (1971-76). How much more does Lord Cromer think that Britain could stand? He praises GATT and the IMF. Under their beneficient regime our share in the world's manufacturing exports shrank from over 20 per cent to considerably less than 10 per cent. He expresses pious hopes for our economic renaissance which I mostly share without giving any indication, however, how they should be fulfilled. Indeed by advocating increases in defence expenditure and cuts in taxation which will inevitably lead to a Barber/Maudling consumption boom he makes it certain that the oil will be drunk, just as natural gas was puffed, away.

THOMAS BALOGH,
Balliol College,
Oxford.

Duty of the estate agent

From Mr Leslie Waite

Sir, Mr Lee in his letter (January 10) does *less* justice to this problem than does Mrs Patricia Wilcox in her letter (January 5) to which Mr Lee refers. Mrs Wilcox does, more fairly, point out that vendors suffer through the broken word of purchasers. Inquiry around the office of my firm, for which I have been responsible for 40 years, shows that at least five purchasers renege compared with one vendor.

It was a relief to find that neither of these two recent correspondents blamed the estate agent. The many writers who do take the agent to task may not realize that he is duty bound to submit any higher offer he gets in the time between the preliminary agreement and the day contracts are exchanged. Those of us who were brought up on *Keppel v Wheeler & Atkins* never forget that case in which the agents found themselves ordered to pay the difference in price Mrs Keppel first accepted and a higher offer the agents received after her word was given but before contracts were exchanged. And the costs.

Your obedient servant,
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Sherborne,
Dorset.

Passing on fuel cost increases

From Mr E. R. Freeman

Sir, The rider attributed in your paper today to the Price Commission on the fuel adjustment—"It could be a convenient way of passing on costs which might otherwise be vigorously challenged"—is as disingenuous and mischievous as if I said that "The Commission *might* find it a convenient way of obtaining political advantage which *might* otherwise not be challenged". I believe there is no evidence to support either statement.

If the cost of raw material for electricity—fuel—were to fall, the commission and the general public would expect a rapid reduction in electricity costs just as the fall in the price of instant coffee was universally welcomed after the fall in the cost of its raw material.

If the commission is to suggest that increased prices should not be passed on while it knows that reductions in prices will be expected immediately, it is advocating economic nonsense.

Yours faithfully,
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Putting the policy-holder in the picture

From Mr Richard Greenway

Sir, I have read with inte the articles on page 16 of Personal Investment Finance section of last Sa day's issue (December 31) wish to comment particul on the one by the chairma the Life Offices Associatio

I am sure that most po holders—and also those templating taking out a po —will welcome any steps t by the LOA to get over jargon problem. Not in quently, when a policy-hol has got fixed up with a pol be will be *sent the actual d* ment peppered with the u hard going phraseology—not know who to turn to. haps this is where brok come in, but cannot a char of communication direct to insurance company itself more readily available?

So far as various consid tions to be taken into acco before surrendering a l policy are concerned, why these have to be distributed Citizens Advice Bureaux local authorities? Here, ag surely this is a sort of c munication that should be through direct to the pol holder.

Another matter not mentio in the article is the matter a life or endowment assura proposal form. I believe th must be many cases wh prospective policy-holders h got to the stage of willingn in principle, to take out policy and then comes a c munication from the insura company with the lengthy p posal form document with abstruse question which cre a hurdle.

The article refers to the L Offices' need to encour public confidence in the l assurance salesman—from lo established practice in insurance world working unc the description of "inspector of course they do; it helps th to get more business. But believe that ability or "kno ing the ropes" in getti beyond the life assurance sal man to the experts concern is what brings confidence a success to a policy-holder many cases. One answer this is often to do busine through a broker—provid that the broker concerned h more contact and knowledge the insurance world than t junior members of the loc field staff of just one or t life offices.

Yours faithfully,
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Stock Exchange draws the line on disclosure

There is now a considerable weight of opposition amassing against the proposals contained in last July's Dpartment of Trade Green Paper on the future of company reports. Yesterday we drew attention to GEC's ideas; now The Stock Exchange, from a different standpoint, has come out with an equally vigorous critique.

Like GEC The Stock Exchange rejects a number of specific items put forward for future inclusion in company accounts in the Green Paper. These are predominantly matters which it considers as "clearly designed to serve interests other than those of shareholders or creditors" and include the proposed statements on employment, international trade, social accounting and energy usage. There are also serious reservations about the practicalit yof other proposals.

While The Stock Exchange is concerned at the sheer volume of the extra new information its real worries are less about the detail of the proposals than about the



Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of The Stock Exchange.

implications for corporate responsibility. It is particularly alarmed at the suggestion that an element of public accountability should be built into company law. The point here, of course, is the distinction between accountability and disclose.

The Stock Exchange says the essence of company law is that a company should be accountable to its owners (the shareholders and those who have lent it money (the creditors). It does not object to the extension of this principle to employes, but argues logicall yenough that companies can only be expected to meet the disclosure requirements of these groups. "If directors are to be held accountable to groups of people who have no direct responsibilities or interest in the company, they will in practice cease to be accountable to anyone", it says, arguing that if companies are to be required for social reasons to reval more, it should be as a result of specific social legislation rather than company law.

The Exchange is probably right to fear the thin end of the wedge, since it may not be a bi gstep from having a right to information to demanding influence on the decisions that give rise to the information.

Euromarkets

Retreat by the big borrowers

Repayment of a $500m loan by the Electricity Council and indications that, while there may be some refinancing of maturing loans, Britain's net dollar debt will fall this year, is more discouraging news for international bankers.

Already they are in a borrowers' market, which reflects the paucity of domestic corporate loan demand in the developed world, and have seen their lending margins savaged. Now it seems that, not only will corporate demand remain flat, but some of the biggest borrowers of the past two years —including Britain—will be much less in evidence in 1978.

France, whose balance of payments position is improving, will also be borrowing less. Last year, according to Morgan Guaranty Trust, France borrowed $3,959m and the United Kingdom $3,856m in the Euromarkets, and the clear implication is that if two such powerful borrowers adopt a lower profile there could be a relative shortage of loan demand by the finest credit risks.

Other, smaller European countries will, of course, still be there as borrowers and there will be rising demand from oil producers as their combined payments surplus declines. But it would appear that growth conscious banks interested in expanding their international loan portfolios could be pushed into yet more lending to borrowers they regard as less than prime.

Base metal

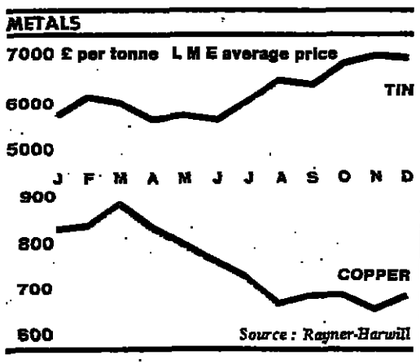
Why prices are under pressure

Inco, the world's leading producer, recently announced sharp production and price cuts and ceased to post its price list. At the end of December the Inco stockpile was nearly three-and-a-half times higher than usual and still rising. With this overhang of stocks and few signs of demand improving, nickel prices will remain weak for quite some time to come—an example of the sort of problems facing the world's metal producers at the moment.

Of the London Metal Exchange traded metals, copper, which is widely used in the electrical and consumer goods industries, faces similar problems. But paradoxically its price is expected to rise in the early part of this year. Production cutbacks in North America have already been made. If CIPEC countries with or without Chile—cut their mine production by the promised 10 per cent there could be a sharp advance in world prices.

One economist sees copper reaching £812 a tonne by Easter against the current LME price of £661.25 a tonne, although such a rise may induce the United States mines to restore full production.

Like nickel, the position of copper is dictated by heavy stocks—some 2 milion to 3 million tonnes or a third of annual consumption. But, since 1973, much of the stocks are held on a long-term basis by institutions and commodity funds.



Source: Rayner-Harwill

Industry's timing of lead purchases is likely to be critical. For while the metal is likely to trade in a rangeof £350-£450 a tonne the price could well be volatile within that band. The motor industry is the main lead consumer for batteries and petrol additives. If the new sealed batteries gain widespread acceptance the lead market will be fundamentally altered. At present recycling of antimonial lead from batteries is an important source of supply, but at the moment antimonal lead cannot be used in the new batteries which could lead to shortages of pure lead at a time of surplus of secondary lead.

The tin plating industry, by far the greatest consumer of tin, saw the price rocket last year, but can anticipate a more relaxed environment over the next few months. The price has already collapsed from £7,245 a tonne cash a month ago to £6,347.50 and subject to Congressional approval, up to 35,000 tonnes could soon be released from the United States stockpiles which there could be relative firmness. But once the GSA releases some would see tin prices fall further, perhaps to around £5,500.

Economic notebook

Could Murphy be right?

According to Murphy's Law, anything that can go wrong, will go wrong. Murphy, of course, was an incorrigible optimist. But the applicaion of his Law to the realm of international finance and Third World debt problems does indicate the degree of luck that will be needed if the disconcertingly wide range of potential hazards to the financial system are to be avoided.

This is especially so if, as now looks likely, the aggregate foreign trade deficit of the non-oil exporting developing countries begin to rise sharply again. In which case their already huge external debts can only get bigger, and the dangers of repudiations on a significant scale, causing a crisis in the financial and banking system, can only become more credibe.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the non-oil exporting countries of the Third World will have an aggregate deficit this year of $45,500m on the balance of their trade and private transfers.

This is around $10,000 more than in each of the last two years and second only to the peak deficit of 1975. It is, furthermore, some 3½ times greater than the average deficit seen in the early 1970s before the quintupling of the oil price.

Thus, instead of the deficit amounting on average to around 2 or 3 per cent of the total gross national product of those countries concerned, as it did before 1973, it now runs at about 4 or 5 per cent.

The effect of these continuing deficits is that the total external debt of the Rhird World has almost doubled between 1973 and 1976, to reach a mssive $207,000m (this figure includes the debts of oil exporters also).

Repayments of loans and interest now cost $32,000m a year. In addition, the rise in demand for loans needed to fincnce balance of payments deficits, has meant that loan terms have got "harder" as borrowers have turned to the banks and international capital markets.

Easier loans from rich governments and agencies like the World Bank have been nowhere near adequate. In 1977 alone the non-oil Third World countries borrowed $15,600m from banks and the capital markets, according to Morgan Guaranty Trust.

As last year's borrowing coincided with some improvement in the foreign deficit of the non-oil Third World countris, it means that their reserves will now be a little healthier. But even so, the likelihood is that their borrowing will again be high this year.

Yet, opinion is very divided about the real seriousness of this situation. Among many government officials on both sides of the Atlantic there is a remarkable lack of concern.

Most worry has been shown by central bankers and bank supervisory agencies who have been anxious about the potential threat of debt defaults on the banking system.

The fact that the developing countries are now spending an estimated 20 per cent of their export earnings just to service their debt—for countries like Brazil and Mexico the figure could be 40 per cent—is seen in some quarters as a danger signal.

Some people have gone as far as to argue that as the borrowed money has been used not for investment purposes but to maintain a given level of consumption, and since funds to service these debts have been met by furthhr borrowing, it must be doubtful whether the principle on these loans will ever be repaid.

Of course, to a large extent it is inevitable that developing countries pile up debts. In most cases they cannot generate enough internal savings for their development needs.

Imports and external capital investment are usually necessary to raise the economic growth rate. Indeed, the United States accummulated massive debts at an early stage of its development last century.

Foreign holdings of United States securities amounted to $1,540m in 1876, equivalent to about 125 per cent of the American money supply and about 20 per cent of national income. This is similar to the situation of Brazil today, which had foreign debts in 1975 of $22,000m, equivalent to a out 124 per cent of its money supply and 25 per cent of its gross domestic product.

The problem today centres on doubts about how wisely the money is being used, and on the broader political ramifications of widespread debt defaults. Fears on this latter score were aired in a United States Senate sub-committee paper reproduced recently by City stockbrokers de Zoete & Bevan in its *Monthly Economic Survey*. The paper was prepared for the foreign economic policy sub-committee of the United States Foreign Relations Committee.

It noted that the debt issue was likely to dominate American relations with the Third Worl d in general during the sext half decade, and perhaps longer. The burden of the paper is that there is a potential conflict between President Carter's policy on human rights and tht kind of necessary acrion that debtor countries might have to take to restore complete confidence in some of them.

The argument is that the growing cooperation between private banks and the International Monetary Fund is likely to lead to pressure being brought on debtor countries to bring their external accounts into balance through domestic economic austerity measures like cuts in government spending, limits on money supply growth and drvaluation—measures aimed at holding down domestic consumption.

However, there is said to be a direct correlation between economic hardship and political repression. Thus the IMF medicine might only be taken at the expense of human and civil rights. The Cairo bread riots a year ago and the vocal opposition to IMF-imposed austerity in Peru, Turkey, Portugal and to some extent Italy are, perhaps, straws inthe wind.

Before attending the international conference on debts in Geneva next March, ministers from the rich nations might reflect on these arguments. At that conference, the developing countries will be asking for debt relief for the very poorest countries and a new kind of debt refinancing facility to help countries with temporary problems. The suggestion is that this facility might amount to around $3,000m to $4,000m a year and be run by the World Bank.

This facility is not seen as very different to the recently arranged Witteven facility which is now bogged down in the United States Congress and not expected to become operational for about nine months. It would, however, give a debtor rather long to get its affairs in order than the hiteveen facility.

A third demand made by the developing countries is for some kind of code or guidelines for the treatment of debtor nations. The Third World dislikes the humiliations that they suffer at the hands of creditors' clubs like the Paris Club and the London Club, which often dictate harsh terms. Before rashly turning down these demands ministers from the rich nations might benefit from an introduction to Murphy.

Melvyn Westlake

Another fat Finance Bill for 1978

The 1977 Finance Bill started life slim and elegant but fattened up to a thick volume during its passage through Parliament. In this year's Bill massive new chunks of tax law will be enacted. This is because a proliferation of changes have already been promised. . . .

Small firms

In his autumn 1977 economic package speech, the Chancellor conceded that capital transfer tax (CTT) was inhibiting the growth of small firms in Britain, and he produced a sheaf of remedies. The rate scale was to be recalculated . . . the 30 per cent business relief for CTT was to be increased to 50 per cent, with a 20 per cent relief for minority interests in unquoted companies . . . there would be a new lifetime cumulative gift limit of £500,000. . . .

As to corporation tax, the threshold for apportioning close company income among members was to be raised to £25,000, and Mr Healey gave a half-promise to ease the rules about availability of income for distribution, if applied to repay business loans.

Amendments would be made so that trading losses could be carried backwards in time and applied to relieve earlier profits. . . . There was some hope that losses suffered by guarantors of bank overdrafts might qualify for capital gains relief . . . the future of stock adjustment relief was also being "reconsidered". . . .

Many pages of new law to be drafted, debated, enacted and administered. . . .

Agriculture

Also in his budget speech, Mr Healey mentioned the possibility of new tax "facilities" to help farmers plan investment programmes. This was a reference to the 1977 proposal of the Economic Development Committee for Agriculture to allow tax-free transfers of profits to reserve accounts, to average out the flow.

Both the Country Landowners' Association and the National Farmers Union have been pressing for relief along these lines, arguing that weather and other conditions beyond a farmer's control cause agricultural profits to fluctuate, producing big tax bills in good years, and unused personal reliefs in bad ones.

Under the proposed system—on the Australian model—transfers to an equalization reserve account would be deductible in computing taxable profits. Withdrawals from that account, when profits were low, or when new capital equipment was purchased would rank as profit additions taxed accordingly. . . .

Forestry

Under special election rules, capital transfer tax can be deferred until standing timber is felled and cash becomes available. Henceforth, business assets relief is also to be given. . . .

Double taxation

After the debate on July 14, the minister of state also promised to look at the combined burden of taxes, where there is a lifetime gift of business assets. The problem arises because when capital gains tax (CGT) was first introduced in 1965, there was no general gifts taxation. For CGT, gifts from father to son were treated as sales at market value so that a notional gain was deemed to arise.

Since a gift is taxable as such for CTT, the one donation is taxed twice on two different bases, often making it impossible for a business to be passed on into younger hands before death.

Even the Revenue seems to have grasped that this represents an over-egging of the fiscal pudding, but there is anxiety that relief will be forthcoming as a deferral of CGT, producing a set of future contingent liabilities, rather than by limitation of liability to one tax. . . .

Capital gains tax

In the Finance Bill debate on July 14 last year Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury, promised that the Government would look sympathetically at the problem of inflation and CGT, and in October the Inland Revenue produced a press release designed as a basis for comment.

This proved excellent at posing legislative problems but

> Oliver Stanley discusses a series of taxation changes which the Government has promised for the next Budget

disappointing in not tendering solutions. *Tapering*—reducing the chargeable gain according to the length of time an asset has been owned; and *indexation*—raising the base cost according to the fall in money values since acquisition were canvassed as alternatives, and the disadvantages of both laboriously pondered.

Most business and professional organizations have expressed themselves in favour of tapering—the simpler formula—at the rate of at least 10 per cent per annum. Thus after 10 years' ownership, CGT would extinguish itself. Crude, perhaps, but workable. . . .

Other more cynical responses have been to urge that the alleged difficulties — for example in finding some appropriate treatment of losses—should not be allowed to serve as excuses for inactivity. There is also anxiety that the Revenue will seek to *increase* gains tax rates from 30 per cent to full income tax rates, to counter the relief for inflation.

Clearly, if there is any action by next March, the new law will amount to a whole new subsystem in our tax code. . . . Trades professions and vocations carried on partly abroad. Since employees have become entitled to a deduction of 25 per cent from earnings for duties performed abroad, self-employed people have been under a tax disadvantage. Engineers, surveyors, consultants, accountants and others also travel about the world enduring the same hardships. Should they not enjoy comparable relief?

Another classic Inland Revenue press release on November 4 expounded the difficulties. Schedule D assessments are usually based on the preceding year's profits. Should relief be determined by absences in the *preceding* year applied to profits of the *preceding* year? Or absences in the *current* year measured against profits of the *preceding* year? Or both absences and profits of the *current* year?

The conclusion was that in view of the additional work involved it might be better for everyone if the scope of relief were restricted . . .

Anti-avoidance

No modern Finance Bill is complete without a quora of anti-tax-avoidance clauses. On November 15 Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury set out the official view on the commodity future tax loss scheme described in the *Sunday Times* of October 9. This was regarded as invalid under existing law, but to "put the matter beyond doubt", there would be appropriate legislation in the 1978 Finance Bill. . . .

Benefits in kind

Undoubtedly, one of the daftest pieces of tax law in recent years was the 1976 set of fringe benefit rules for company motor cars, with its flat-rate tables and supporting *impedimenta*. Now it appears the Revenue is dissatisfied with its brain-child, in that petrol costs borne by companies but relating to non-company journeys are not taxed separately, and a change in the rules is imminent.

This will create the worst of both worlds, a flat rate cash equivalent amount per the tables, plus an addition on a "recorded" basis. . . .

Rates and reliefs

In his 1978 message, Mr Healey said there is a strong case for raising tax thresholds and introducing a reduced rate band. Anyway, personal reliefs will fall to be raised under the indexation rule enacted last year. . . .

Even if all these changes do not in the end find their way into this year's Bill, it can hardly be a slim one. Once again, the standing committee will find itself hurriedly debating ill-digested proposals, subject to last-minute amendments and ad hoc political bargains.

Are all these changes worth while, bearing in mind the burden of tax law already on the statute book, and the national pre-occupation with tax matters? That most of the proposals viewed in isolation seem justified is a reflection on the very high rates imposed. These rates demand complex and sophisticated reliefs if business in Britain is to survive. The proposed wealth tax will require a whole new code of reliefs, exemptions and deferrals.

If business in Britain is to prosper, the 1978 Budget must offer some positive stimulus to investment, business confidence and real growth.

Instead of an intricate patchwork of small changes, a better approach would be to cut all tax rates, so that, for example, the state can never become entitled to more than half of earnings, profits or income, individual or corporate. That would truly demonstrate the government's conversion to the cause of British business.

Business Diary: Ad and subtract • Rare billionaire

Campaign, the weekly paper of advertising, thrives on news of the constant flitting to and fro between jobs that is a hallmark of this febrile industry.

Today, however, the paper is itself making such news, for editor Michael Chamberlain, the fifth in ten years, has quit and left. A successor has yet to be named.

Furthermore, the 30-year-old Chamberlain has rocked his former employers, Haymarket Publishing, by announcing that from next month he is to publish a new twice-weekly giveaway, *Adnews*, that will compete with *Campaign*.

Chamberlain's departure, which does not seem to be amicable, follows editorial disagreement with Haymarket.

Robert Heller, the editor of another Haymarket magazine, *Management Today*, is to be editorial director of a new group venture, *Campaign Europe*, the first issue of which goes on sale on the Continent next month.

Paul Buckley, the publishing director of Haymarket, said that Chamberlain's new venture had come "as a complete surprise". Haymarket, he added, had considered a similar project but didn't think it would pay.

Since acquiring *Adweek* in September 1975 *Campaign* has cornered the trade press market in advertising news, a grip that Chamberlain is obviously hoping to loosen—particularly now that the industry is flush.

He has the backing of an undisclosed European publishing house for *Adnews*, in which he has a 40 per cent stake. The first issue will be slimmer than *Campaign*—up to 20 pages, perhaps—and will be given free to about 2,500 people and sold on subscription to others.

■ President Carter had just met President Sadat in Egypt, but even this news story was relegated to second place on the radio news and in the newspapers of Palm Beach, Florida, when doctors confirmed that 80-year-old John D. MacArthur, was gravely ill.

MacArthur is now dead and thus, where until recently there were four businessmen around who could claim to be worth well over $1,000m, now there remains only one.

Paul Getty is dead and Howard Hughes is gone and after MacArthur's demise only D. W. Ludwig is left in what Americans call the "millionaire" league.

MacArthur, of whom little was known, used to sit at a corner table in the coffee shop at the Colonnades Hotel on Palm Beach's Singer Island and conducted business deals around the globe on their phone.

MacArthur was the largest land owner in the state—but property was just a hobby and not even a major source of income.

He began by selling dollar-a-month insurance policies door to door, and ended up owning many insurance companies. He always refused to go public, and moved into oil, real estate and banking.

He flew economy class, wore drip-dry shirts and drove an old blue Cadillac.

Most of his money will go to charity, although many of his businesses are already controlled by family foundations.

Meanwhile, Ludwig, another secretive man, controls a massive shipping fleet and is striving to develop the Amazon basin—a worthy task for the last remaining business "billionaire".

■ Charles Ball celebrates his fifty-fourth birthday today with the announcement of his first seat on a board since he quit as chairman of Barclays Merchant Bank six weeks ago.

He is becoming a non-executive director of Rockware, who should be able to use Ball's takeover know-how, since the group is involved in a three-cornered fight for competitor Redfearn National Glass with United Glass and Rheem International.

Let's hope he'll be happier at Rockware using the skills he picked up during his days at merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson than he was at Barclays, where he rather served as a textbook example of how difficult clearing bankers find it to get on with merchant bankers, even where the former are trying to become the latter.

He came and went at Barclays within two years, apparently leaving after a dispute over the extent to which the merchant bank arm should be involved in medium-term lending.

Ball, who prefers non-executive to full-time obs for the moment, has not been idle since leaving Barclays. He is a director of Tunnel Holdings, Sun Alliance, Telephone Rentals and British Transport Docks Board—the last three hangovers from his Kleinwort days.



Charles Ball.

He told us yesterday that already one of the Rockware board meetings clashes with one of the other directorships.

■ James Redmond, the new president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, should be more conversant than most with one of the big problems besetting the profession—its inability to interest the media (except, of course, such on-the-ball outfits as Business Diary).

Redmond, who succeeds John Ferguson, is the BBC's director of engineering, and as Business Diary readers will know, many engineers have a bone to pick with Auntie at the moment.

The night before last saw the start of *The Engineers*, a documentary series which the profession thought might be the breakthrough into public consciousness for which they had all been looking.

However, despite being in 10 episodes, *The Engineers* omits mention of many kinds of professional—the municipal engineers, for example, are extremely cross.

There is to be, we gather, an electrical engineer in a forthcoming episode but not an IEE member, although the institution did help prepare the series.

Nonetheless, the reaction to the first episode was good at the IEE's headquarters in Savoy Place, London, yesterday. Producer Michael Garrod, a spokesman said, had managed to convey the intellectual as well as the mechanical aspect of engineering.

Business Diary recently reported how we provided better able than some senior whisky distillers at distinguishing between standard and de luxe brands of Scotch at a "lind" tasting. We then speculated what might happen when Scotch was pitted against "whiskies" of the Orient.

No sooner written than done. The Consumers' Association, the publishers of Which?, *were asked by their opposite numbers in the Philippines to test eight of their local whiskies. Laboratory analysis showed that none could have been sold as whisky in Britain. All contained alien spirits, the most common being distilled from sugar cane and three of them were short on alcoholic acontent.*

Yet when they were presented at a blind tasting to a panel of experienced whisky drinkers, accompanied by an undisclosed sample of a well-known brand of real Scotch, the panel did not like the Scotch. While some of the Philippine whiskies were thought "fairly acceptable", the Scotch was reckoned "very suspicious." Ouch.

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ADDENDUM TO INVITATION TO BID
FOR LOCOMOTIVE AND WAGON PACKAGES
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Paras pertaining to qualification requirements following the tabular statement in our 'Invitation to Bid' for Locomotive and Wagon Packages are amended to read as under:

Bidders who wish to participate in the Locomotive Package should have designed, manufactured and furnished 200 or more Diesel Locomotives of at least 1000 h.p., each of which is in successful operation for a period of not less than 5 years. Bidders who do not fulfil the above qualification, but are regular manufacturers of electric locomotives and have manufactured 200 nos. of locomotives (diesel and electric locos put together) and otherwise conform to the qualification requirements can also participate provided the diesel engines are procured by the bidder from such of those sub-contractors who have designed and manufactured 200 nos. of diesel engines of at least 1000 h.p. which are in successful operation for a period of not less than 5 years in rail traction.

Bidders who wish to participate for Wagon Package, should have designed, manufactured and furnished regularly, over the last 5 years a total of 1000 bogie wagons (8 wheelers) or 2000 four wheeled wagons or a combination thereof. At least 500 bogie wagons or 1000 four wheeled wagons or a combination of equivalent number, so furnished must have been in successful operation for a period of not less than 3 years. The Bidder and/or his sub-contractor shall in addition have designed, manufactured, furnished and erected electro-pneumatically operated door mechanism with associated Line Side Equipment for at least 100 wagons and which are in successful operation for a period of 3 years.

The dates upto which documents will be available and dates for opening of bids are extended as under:

	Dates upto which documents will be available.	Dates set for opening of bids.
1. Locomotive Package (Specification No. CC-12-006 B)	17th Feb., 1978	24th Feb., 1978
2. Wagon Package (Specification No. CC-12-006 A)	28th Feb., 1978	7th March, 1978

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NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that Mr GUNTER THAMM, of 24 Tunis Road, London, W.12, is APPLYING to the Home Secretary for NATURALISATION, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office, (Nationality Division), Lunar House, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 2BY.

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The Charity Commissioners PROPOSE to make a SCHEME for this charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref.: 233937-A2-L1) at 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AH. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 006093 of 1977
No. 6 (Rule 28)
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of IRAN CASPIAN Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 16th day of December 1977 presented to the said Court by David Michael Landsman and Richard Anthony Gold, (practising together as D. M. Landsman & Co., a firm of solicitors) whose principle place of business is situate at 6 Crowndale Road, N.W.1.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 23rd day of January 1978, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support, or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

D. M. LANDSMAN & CO., 6 Crowndale Road, London NW1 1TU.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 20th day of January 1978.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of IRISTEEL CORPORATION (UNIVERSAL) Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 81/87, Gresham Street, London EC2V 7DS, on Tuesday the 14th day of February, 1978, at 2.15 p.m. to be followed at 2.30 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1978.

G. N. MARTIN, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of P. FIGEL (DESIGN) Limited No. 001407 of 1971.

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND to CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 27th January, 1978, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such claims as shall then have proved their claims.

J. B. CLEMETSON, Senior Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of COURTEX ENGINEERING Limited, FORMERLY RANOMO Limited Nature of Business: Engineering Design Service and Staff Recruitment.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE Monday the 31st day of October 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 26th January 1978, at Room 339 Templar House, 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6LP at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of OFF-LINE Limited Trading as Portera Nature of Business: Club proprietors
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th November 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 26th January 1978, at Room 339, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 2.00 o'clock
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L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of KANEL CONSTRUCTION Limited. Nature of Business: Land developers and builders.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th October, 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 26th January, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SURTRONICS Limited Nature of Business: Electronics distributor and retailer
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 31st October, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS: 25th January 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of KENATAS DEVELOPMENTS Limited. Nature of Business: Property Development.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th November, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
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N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LISNEROY Limited. Nature of Business: Commodity dealers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 31st October, 1977.
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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 003091 of 1977
No. 6 (Rule 28)
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of THE GREAT AMERICAN SUCCESS Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 16th day of December 1977 presented to the said Court by DAVID MICHAEL LANDSMAN and RICHARD ANTHONY GOLD (practising together as D. M. Landsman & Co., a firm of solicitors) whose principle place of business is situate at 6 Crowndale Road, N.W.1.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 23rd day of January 1978, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 20th day of January 1978.

In the Matter of RADNORSTONE CARPET CENTRE Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 28th day of February, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Norman Harvey Russell, FCA, of Alfred Tonkin & Co., 8 Upper Grosvenor Street, W1, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1977.

N. H. RUSSELL, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ERSA Limited No. 001128 of 1977.

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and Final Payment to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 27th January, 1978, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

NORMAN SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of VANDERBERGH ASSOCIATES (PUBLIC RELATIONS) TRADING AS IMAGES Limited Nature of Business: Public relations Graphic Designers and advertising consultants
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th October 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 26th January 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of EXEAU PRODUCTS Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacturers of Doors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th November 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 25th January 1978, at Room 339 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DELLSTONE CONSTRUCTION Limited. Nature of Business Builders.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 31st October, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
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CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of CHEETAH PRODUCTIONS Limited. Nature of Business: Film production.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th October 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
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CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ARRAS Limited. Nature of Business: Property developers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th November 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 27th January 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ANTHONY LESLIE & PARTNERS Limited. Nature of Business: Brokers and agents of every description.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th October 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 27th January 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of VANELL BUILDERS Limited. Nature of Business: Builders.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th October 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 27th January 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GARSEART Limited. Nature of Business: Shipping and forwarding agents.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th October 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 26th January 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GIBSELVEND Limited T A LA CAMPANILE. Nature of Business: Restaurant owners and managers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 31st October 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 25th January 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FILM DIRECTORS CENTRE Limited. Nature of Business: Commercial Film Production.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th October, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 25th January 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.
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SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE BRITISH STEEL CORPORATION

Decade of failure as markets shrink and losses mount

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

British Steel Corporation was formed in 1967 as a result of the takeover of 13 different steel companies, and represented the largest industrial merger ever in the United Kingdom.

But since its formation 10½ years ago the corporation has signally failed to meet the aspirations of successive Governments. The corporation has made only small profits in three of the past seven years, and by March last year had built up an accumulated deficit of £320m.

The state steel undertaking, subject of constant complaints from customers about poor deliveries and inferior quality, has seen its share of the United Kingdom market slip from 70 per cent in 1970 to 53 per cent in 1976, although some marginal improvement has been made over the past 18 months.

The corporation eventually received—in 1972—the go-ahead for a 10-year development strategy—now stretched to 15 years—involving concentration of production at half a dozen major steelmaking centres and a reduction in the labour force.

Over the seven years 1970-77 the labour force has fallen by about 18 per cent to 208,000, but the intervention of the Government on pricing policies has seriously affected cash flow, and the review of the plant closure programme has led to a growing interest rate burden.

The cost of delays and interference has been considerably exacerbated by severe inflation since the blueprint for development was approved. Cost of the programme, originally estimated at £3,000m, could be trebled in the last analysis.

This has played havoc with the corporation's financing requirements and those of the Government. Borrowing limits have been regularly raised from a limit of £400m on the BSC's establishment in 1967 to £4,000m last year, and there is every indication that a new limit will have to be established this year.

Pressure on finances, exacerbated by three years of the deepest recession in worldwide steel demand since the depression of the 1930s, has meant that the BSC has been unable to make more than a token dividend payment on its public dividend capital and is now unable to make more than a modest payment towards the cost of the huge capital development programme from its own resources.

In the wake of the difficulties which have been experienced since the strategy was launched, and the slide in the steel market, capacity plans of the BSC have been progressively revised downwards. From an original expectation of 38 million tonnes of installed capacity in 1985 the corporation now expects, on the most optimistic assumptions, to have about 30 million tons by 1980-81.

This year the corporation needed to produce about 24 million tons to break even, representing over 92 per cent capacity utilization. In the event it is unlikely to have produced more than 17 million tons last year.

After a half-year loss in the current financial year of £201m a £500m loss for the full year is expected.

Unions and management are now involved in discussions on measures to cope with the deepening crisis. As far as possible the corporation is seeking to reduce manpower by bringing forward the closure of plants which are deemed to be outmoded.

There is considerable support for closures among shopfloor workers if better severance payments can be secured. Already settlements involving cash payments of between £8,000 and £10,000 have been agreed with workers at Hartlepool and Clyde Iron works in Scotland, respectively. Preliminary discussions are to open in Wales later this month.

A progress report is to be submitted shortly by both unions and BSC to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, in the next few weeks, and it is on the basis of that report that Mr Varley is expected to make his statement.



Mr Edwin Wainwright, chairman of the sub-committee that inquired into BSC.

ESTIMATES OF BSC's FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND SOURCES, 1977-78

Item	Public Expenditure White Paper Cmnd 6721—II		Financial statement and Budget report	Variance: col. 3 to col. 2
	Estimated outturn at 1976-77 prices (1)	Revalued at: 1977-78 outturn prices* (2)	Estimated outturn at 1977-78 prices (3)	(4)
Capital requirements:				
Fixed assets in the UK	678	767	670	— 97
Other	305	345	230	—115
Total	983	1,113	900	—213
Financed by:				
Total internal resources	204	231	— 50	—281
Net borrowing, issues of PDC and leasing	779	882	950	+ 68
Total financing	983	1,113	900	—213

* Inflator of 1.132 supplied by Treasury.

Sources:
The Government's Expenditure Plans, Cmnd 6721—II, Table 3.3.
Financial statement and Budget report 1977-78, Table 13.

Summary of recommendations

The select committee's recommendations summarized are:

BSC, in its present difficulties, should place the greater part of its efforts on raising the productivity of existing works through the achievement of rational manning levels rather than incurring higher overall costs through the introduction of new facilities, the provision of which may contribute further to the chronic excess of capacity over demand.

The corporation should develop and improve its monitoring and control procedure for capital projects which will limit the cash commitments and provide information on variations from initial estimates which will help to improve planning and control procedures for subsequent projects; and in this improved procedure the workforce in plants involved in capital development should be consulted at all stages with the purpose of securing their participation and advice in controlling costs.

BSC and its sponsoring department of state should improve their financial forecasting, not least so that reliable estimates can be laid before Parliament.

In consultation with BSC, the Secretary of State should consider the appropriate self-financing ratio of the corporation.

Financial commitments for capital expenditure should be authorized only for specific projects which promise to yield an adequate rate of return, having regard to the opportunity cost of the resources and the degree of risk involved.

The Secretary of State should ask BSC to report to him on the reasons for the extremely high break-even ratio, and the steps which are being taken to reduce it.

He should take into account the need for the maximum productive efficiency in the corporation when he comes to review the future of iron and steelmaking at Shotton.

The responsibility of the board to keep under review general policies of employment should be interpreted by the board as an obligation to ensure the development and continuity of management of the highest calibre.

More information

Greater information should be made available to all non-executive directors of the corporation.

Duration of service for non-executive directors should be not less than four years, and timed so that the numbers of non- and fully-experienced members are balanced.

There should be an immediate review of the remuneration of the non-executive directors of the corporation.

The efforts of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the National Union of Blastfurnacemen, and the Steel Industry Management Association to form closer associations should be pursued; the Government should provide the necessary finance, as well as appoint an independent mediator, to assist both the unions and the corporation towards a more rational union structure.

Urgent

BSC and the trade unions should give urgent consideration to means by which a substantial and lasting improvement in industrial relations, and a consequent reduction in stoppages can be achieved.

Negotiations on manning levels should begin as soon as possible, rather than awaiting the end of pay restraint.

The Secretary of State should initiate a formal procedure requiring that the submission to him of major capital expenditure projects should be accompanied by a document agreed between the corporation and the appropriate unions giving the outline manning for the completed scheme on which its financial justification has been based.

BSC and the unions should agree a formal procedure to be operated as soon as a project is approved and requiring them to negotiate agreements covering the new plant and to report progress to the Secretary of State.

The unions, or preferably the TUC Steel Industry Consultative Committee, should organize themselves to be able to respond adequately to a much wider field of responsibilities than they have done so far.

BSC should undertake a careful review of the balance of advantage from reduced costs and lost revenue resulting from product rationalization activities.

BSC should reexamine carefully the scope for sales to small-volume customers in the course of developing its current and future marketing programme.

The Government should review the possibility that the corporation's dominant market position could be abused and consider strengthening United Kingdom legislation as appropriate.

The Department of Industry should investigate forthwith the situation concerning scrap supplies.

Steps should be taken by the Department of Industry to improve the processes of consultation between the public and independent sectors of the steel industry, perhaps through the establishment of a formal forum for consultation; as an interim step, the NEDO Sector Working Party on Iron and Steel should report on this aspect of the steel investment programme. The Metallurgical Plantmakers' Federation should be included in this consultative process.

BSC should be fully and adequately compensated by the Government for accepting non-commercial obligations for social or political ends. In this way providing the costs of such activities can be properly assessed, the corporation's performance could be judged against an established set of conventional financial and operating criteria, and the matter of control and accountability would be greatly simplified.

The Secretary of State, after consultation with the corporation and when he brings forward further related legislation before the House, should set out the general circumstances under which he may intervene in the affairs of the corporation, and the procedures to be followed.

The Secretary of State for Industry and BSC should consider which part of the present reporting system serves no useful purpose and could be disposed with; the Government should specify which items and procedures have been omitted.

BSC, the Department of Industry and the Treasury should jointly review procedures so as to assess the efficiency with which capital projects are undertaken.

The Department of Industry should use social cost-benefit techniques when evaluating major investment proposals submitted to it.

Urgent steps to improve the procedures for ministerial decision-taking should be taken by the Secretary of State.

The Department of Industry should formally communicate to the corporation its reasons for rejecting an investment proposal; where the corporation is required to undertake a non-commercial investment, or to maintain outdated or superfluous plant in operation, the Secretary of State should issue a direction to that effect to the corporation under Section 4 (1) of the Iron and Steel Act 1975, to be published in the BSC's annual report. Furthermore, the Secretary of State should compensate the Corporation

BSC should show, in the form of an adjusted, discounted cash flow in its annual report, the additions to capital and operating costs arising out of the "slow timing" of investment decisions by the Department of Industry.

Appropriate

Treasury should consider the use of an *appropriate* self-financing ratio as a regulatory device for the provision of finance to the corporation. Furthermore, Treasury and the Department of Industry should review and improve *their forecasting procedures.*

BSC should be allowed to raise its own interest loans, and to vary their duration, so as to provide more financial flexibility and a greater market test of the correct allocation of resources.

Treasury should put an effective limit on the level of overseas borrowing as a percentage of the corporation's total cost.

The job of sanctioning the corporation's financial requirements should be taken from the Department of Industry and given to a strengthened Public Enterprise Group within Treasury.

Direct experience of industry, if not of the corporation, should be essential for Civil Servants who take part in the corporation's affairs, and longer periods of assignment to the relevant divisions of Treasury and the Department of Industry should be made.

ESTIMATES OF BSC's TOTAL BORROWINGS SUBJECT TO STATUTORY LIMIT, 1976-77 TO 1980-81

Item	Actual* 1976-77	Forecast 1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
	£ million outturn				
PDC‡	880	1,267	1,645	2,078	2,522
Long term debt	1,368	1,687	1,996	2,350	2,713
Short term debt	172	245	346	462	580
Total borrowing	2,420	3,199	3,987	4,890	5,815
Less repayments of commencing capital debt	134	134	134	134	134
Total borrowing subject to statutory limit	2,286	3,065	3,853	4,756	5,681

* BSC *Annual Report and Accounts* 1976-77, p 37, note 25.
‡ Excluding £502 million of PDC, under section 19(b), Iron and Steel Act 1975.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Kenning Motor on target

By Victor Felstead

Reflecting a sharp rise in all the major sections of the business, pre-tax profits of the Derbyshire-based Kenning Motor Group expanded by 48 per cent to a best-ever £7.05m in the 12 months to September 30. This compares with the board's estimate of "just over £7m" last November when the group made a one-for-four rights issue to raise about £3.8m.

Turnover was up by almost 22 per cent to £192.78m. As forecast, the final dividend goes up from 3.71p to 4.01p gross. This lifts the total from 5.71p to 6.28p gross. Earnings per 25p share are shown to be up from 10.2p to 14.4p basic and from 8.9p to 12.8p fully diluted.

Tyre services were the major profit source, followed by contract and car-hire. Although motor depots increased their results, their total contribution was about 22 per cent.

As Leyland is rationalizing its franchise structure, Kenning's share of Leyland sales will be further reduced. But Kenning *has already obtained the Chrysler* franchise at Colindale, London and the Peugeot franchise at Westcliff, Essex. A number of other deals are in the offing. "Relations with Leyland remain good but we do not wish to be too dependent on any one manufacturer", the directors added.

Profits for the first quarter of the current year will not differ significantly from the similar period last year. The directors find it is too early to make forecasts for the full year, "although, naturally, we shall endeavour to make our centenary year as successful as possible".

The Rhodesian subsidiaries' profits have been excluded from the year's results; these were, for the year to June 30, £1.51m (Rhodesian), against £1.72m.

Kennings Estates, the ordinary capital of which is all held by Kenning Motor, reports a pre-tax profit of £1.41m, against £1.47m.

Krupp group has Dm9,000m orders in hand

Fried Krupp GMBH, the West German sheet group, had orders in hand at the start of this year of over DM9,000m (about £2,100m), according to the chairman, Herr Heinz Petry.

This compares with the figure of DM10,300m the firm gave in September for its mid-1977 order backlog, which was up 3 per cent at the end of 1976.

The Krupp group's 1976 net profit was DM624,500, but Herr Petry did not give details of last year's result except to say that 1977 was "no easy year".—Reuter.

International

Hainaut-Sambre loss

Société Metallurgique Hainaut-Sambre SA, of France, says it made a considerable loss in the first 11 months of its financial year to which should be added heavy financial charges. Sales dropped 17.3 per cent to 11,500m francs (about £1,200m) at end November over the same period of 1976. Crude steel production was 12 per cent lower at 1.63 million tonnes. In 1976 it made a loss of 812.2m francs on turnover of 15,100m francs against a 1975 loss of 709.7m on turnover of 14,600m francs. But it expects more favourable results in the near future because of improved selling prices resulting from the EEC's new steel plan.

Swiss power loan

Swiss power company Eletricita Industriale SA will float a 20m francs (about £5m) 4½ per cent 12-year bond at 100.5 per cent from January 18 to January 24, Union Bank of Switzerland says as issuing consortium leader. Part of the proceeds will be used to convert or repay an earlier 15m francs loan falling due in mid-February.

American Distilling

American Distilling expects an increase of 10 per cent in its net operating profit for the first quarter of the 1978 financial year, compared with the $569,000 (about £300,000) reported for the same period of 1977. Net profit for the current quarter reflects a reduced tax rate by reason of carry-forward investment tax credits. In addition, the company expects to report for this quarter an extraordinary tax carry-forward credit of 2 cents a share. Meanwhile, sales for the first quarter of 1978 are expected to be about the same as the comparable quarter.

Magneti issues

Magneti Marelli SPA, Italian battery maker controlled by Fiat SPA, announces plans to raise its capital to 36,000m lire (about 20.3m) from 9,000m lire. The operation will be carried out through a one-for-one free share issue and a one-for-two rights issue at par value of 600 lire. The company's capital is divided equally into ordinary and privileged shares.

VW's capital rise

Volkswagenwerk AG, the West German car manufacturer, is likely to discuss VW's planned capital rise and increased 1977 dividend at its board meeting on January 26 though it is not certain if a decision will be taken at the meeting. Volkswagen has already said that it is considering the idea of a rise in its DM900m (about £214m) capital this year and plans an increase in its 1977 dividend from the 1976 payout of DM5. A company spokesman refused to comment on rumours that VW plans a DM8 dividend for 1977, possibly with a DM bonus, and also intends a DM300m capital rise in two stages through a one-for-three rights issue at 300 per cent.

Business appointments

Mr Charles Ball becomes a Rockware Group director

Mr Charles Ball, former chairman of Barclays Merchant Bank, joins the board of **Rockware Group.**

Sir Charles Clore has resigned from the boards of the following listed subsidiary companies of **Sears Holdings**: British Shoe Corporation, Sears Engineering, BSC Footwear, Mappin and Webb and Lewis's Investment Trust. Sir Charles remains a director of Sears Holdings.

Mr Reginald May has been appointed a director of **The Joint Credit Card Company (Access).**

In a management reorganization of the **Dunlop Group**, Mr John Dent and Mr Geoffrey Wheater become managing directors of Dunlop Ltd. and Mr Alan Lord managing director of Dunlop International.

Mr David Dobbie will succeed Mr D. W. Stride as managing director of the **Commercial Bank of Australia** on July 1.

Mr David Sawyer, at present deputy chairman of **Cornhill Insurance**, has been appointed chairman in place of Mr Colin Draper, who has resigned because of commitments in the United States. Mr Julian Faber has been reelected to the board.

Mr Geoffrey Palau, deputy chairman of International Distillers & Vintners, will be taking over as chairman of the group's export companies on April 1, in succession to Mr D. B. E. Belson, who is retiring.

Mr W. A. Vickie has been appointed managing director of the newly formed **TI Machine Tools.** Mr G. A. Ashton, managing director of the TI machine division, will be chairman of the new company.

The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres becomes a director of **Scottish American Investment.**

Mr J. D. Nettleton and Mr C. W. T. Johnston have been appointed directors of **Charterhouse Mgmt Assurance.**

Mr Alan Kidd has joined the board of **Record Ridgway Tools** and becomes sales and marketing director.

Mr John London, a director of N. M. Rothschild and Sons, has been elected to the supervisory board of **Heineken NV.**

Professor George Clayton has been made a non-executive director of **Pioneer Mutual Insurance.**

Mr James Redmond, the BBC's Director of Engineering, has been elected president of **The Institution of Electrical Engineers.**

Mr J. V. Bedford has been appointed to the board of **Mintex** as engineering director.

Mr Peter Meltwraith, managing director of **Indalex**, has been appointed chairman of the **Aluminium Extruders Association.**

Mr George Robinson, who recently retired as chairman of **Gillette Industries**, has been elected president of the **Institution of Works Managers.** He succeeds Sir William Barlow.

Dr David Wylie, previously chairman of **Sterling Winthrop Group**, has been appointed chairman and president of **Sterling-Europa.** He succeeds Mr C. R. B. Williamson who has resigned. Mr Eric Barber becomes chairman of Sterling-Winthrop Group.

Mr D. M. McLachlan Clark, a director of **Henry W. Peabody Grain**, has been elected president of the **Grain and Feed Trade Association** in succession to Mr D. C. Turner.

Mr Denis Jackson has been appointed secretary and director of administration on the **Confederation of British Industry** from April 1. He succeeds Mr Eric Feigate, who is retiring.

Mr James McCluskey becomes managing director of **TRW Valves.** Mr Louis Tebodo becomes president and general manager of the Ramsey Corporation of TRW.

Mr Bernard Tubbs has joined the board of **Bremner Insurance Services.**

Mr R. I. J. Aunow has joined the board of **C. Tennant, Sons & Co.**

Mr Michael Scott has been made managing director of **Tees Storage.**

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Problems in US but McCorquodale keeps up recovery

McCorquodale & Co, the specialist printers, has maintained its recovery from last year's profits setback and now reports nearly trebled pre-tax profits, up from £1.05m to just over £3m on turnover raised from £42.1m to £49.2m for the year to September 30.

The 17 per cent turnover growth was largely accounted for by price increases though the board did say there was a volume growth of about 5 per cent.

However, in the United States the Falconer subsidiary, bought in 1974, is now suffering from a serious volume problem. Reorganization following major losses last year has improved the position but the company is still trading at a loss because of the stagnation of the United States economy. Falconer is still losing money but is expected to turn the corner next year.

Mr Alastair McCorquodale, chairman, said that he expected improvements in the difficult areas in the future, a continuing benefit from the investment programme and "reasonable prospects for most of the group's activities."

Associated companies contributed £489,000 against £192,000 last time mainly from a substantial turnround in the Brazilian operations.

However, extraordinary items show a loss of £422,000 against a profit of £505,000 last time. About 65 per cent of this loss is due to adverse exchange movements and they relate entirely to balance sheet items.

The board have followed the accountancy standard in ED 19 on deferred tax so all last year's figures have been restated accordingly. Earnings a share are consequently up from 15.28p to 43.31p.

The shares added 12p yesterday to take them up to 240p where the gross dividend of 21.588 give a yield of 9 per cent.

ERF poised on peak £3m mounts bid safeguard

Bid rumour surrounding the surviving commercial vehicle manufacturers never completely dies down. But the halftime profit acceleration at ERF (Holdings), like that of its rival Fodens last week, shows that they will be a tough nut to crack.

ERF has successively boosted pre-tax profits from £551,000 to £1.15m in the first and second halves of the year to April 2 last and then to £1.56m in the subsequent 28 weeks ended October 15 last. The total for the year must be headed for at least £2.75m—easily a record—and the only cloud on the horizon appears to be the industrial disruption among component manufacturers, a problem the board has so far countered by pre-stocking and alternative sourcing.

Results from overseas operations have been mixed with South Africa performing strongly and Europe suffering from the continued recession in the heavy vehicle market. It was left to an improving domestic performance, improved profit margins and more efficient use of production facilities to make the running with increased market share to the fore. Registration figures of heavy goods vehicles over 28 tons GTW for the most recent quarterly period show that ERF lifted its penetration from 12 per cent for the equivalent period in 1976 to 15.5 per cent.

A one-for-two capitalization issue is proposed and the gross interim dividend is hoisted from 2.30769p to 3.75p per share. The shares spurted forward 10p to 146p yesterday with the prospects of an improved yield and a llow p/e probably of more relevance than the 8.5 per cent stake taken by L. Gardner & Sons.

Stock markets

Equities and gilts recoup early losses

After a hesitant start sentiment in equities turned distinctly better on a report that Saudi Arabia might be willing to take its oil revenues in currencies other than the US dollar.

This, reasoned dealers, would take the pressure off transatlantic interest rates and, in turn, domestic rates. With many shares looking oversold dealers were feeling more confident last night than for some time past. While admitting that any market advance might take some time to gather steam many were talking of a short-term "bull" run taking the *FT* Index back over the 500 mark.

By 10 am the selling of the previous two days had started to dry up and limited demand was turning prices round. Though buying pressure was not great it was enough to raise prices for the rest of the day and by the close the index was 2.7 up at 487.2, a turn-round of four points from 10 am.

Trust Houses Forte lost 2p to 188p on rumours of a THF counter-bid for Pontins. This was denied emphatically to Business News by director Mr Eric Hartwell. "We have never, ever looked at the company", he said. Pontins closed 1p firmer at 43½p, while Coral added 6p to 129p.

Uncertainty over the previous evening's banking figures clipped three-quarters of a point from long gilts in early trading. But they quickly erased these falls on buying at the lower levels only to fall back again on the borrowing requirement news for December. Late in the day renewed demand left most stocks with a net eighths of a point lower.

After hours they gained even more ground to unchanged levels while shorter maturities were similarly firm.

Banks were a firm spot in the market. Following reconfigures gains of up to 9p boosted Midland to 398p, Lloyds to 295p, National Westminster to 295p and Barclays, one of the days active stocks, to 347p.

Speculation persists that Barclays, the only of the "Big Four" not to have asked shareholders to dip into their pockets for cash over the past two years, may links a rights issue to its February figures.

With the banks currently relatively strong against the market some brokers feel that Barclay's could have to wait a long time if they pass over the chance this time round. However if the banks succeed in gaining stock appreciation on the holding of foreign currencies it could pre-empt the need for a rights.

Last night Barclay's agreed that it is keeping the matter under constant attention but added that it was "fairly content" with the situation.

An increase in instalment credit business in November added 3p to HP houses Lloyds and Scottish at 111p and UDT at 46p.

These figures coupled to Department of Trade indicating that retail sales were more buoyant than previously thought, helped to put some sparkle into stores.

Earlier in the week many retail groups lost ground on fears that the food price cuts could be extended into consumer goods and clothing. But much of these earlier losses were regained yesterday with GUS "A" going 4p better to 304p and British Home Stores at 218p, Woolworth at 63½p, Debenhams at 108p and Burton "A" at 112p

The exception to this trend was Boots which fell a further 2p to 224p.

On the back of bumper profit figures from McCorquadale, which jumped 12p to 240p, Reed International and Bowater both firmed 2p to 135p and 182p respectively. Some profit taking trimmed 3p off Letraset at 104p.

Interim figures due shortly should arouse interest in Restmor Group shares. This pram and nursery furniture maker has high-flying Mothercare as its major customer yet its shares at 126p are on a historic p/e ratio of just 4.5 and a yield of 5.8 per cent, almost six times covered. Almost doubled pre-tax profits last time should be followed by a strong interim performance and re-rating may be due.

After the alarms of the previous day food retailing shares had a steadier session.

There is a two-way flow of ideas in the market about the implications of Sainsbury's move for share prices, some feeling that they have already fallen too far with others taking a more "bearish" view. Most are agreed, though, that the sector could be in for a "sticky" six to nine months.

This indecision showed up in share prices with both Sainsbury at 190p and Tesco at 44p unchanged on the day and Fitch Lovell managed to recoup 2p for a close of 63p. Those in retreat included Wheatsheaf 5p to 150p, Linfood 3p to 165p, Kwik Save 2p to 213p and Associated Dairies 2p to 248p.

The more optimistic turn of events and "bears" closing down brought small gains to the industrial leaders after most had begun with falls of a few pence. By the close Unilever, an underperformer of late, was 6p up to 540p, ICI rose 3p to 348p, GEC 3p to 273p and Glaxo 2p to 605p. Engineers featured Davy International which dipped another 5p to 244p—a drop of 15p in two days—after adverse comment while Vosper gained 7p to 150p as investors weighed the possibilities of recovery. In the motor sector lorry maker 7RF soared 10p to 146p after reporting nearly doubled interim profits. After last week's figures from Fodens dealers were happy with the trend in the truck market, for so long in recession.

But a less favourable view was taken of Kenning Motor's figures and the shares closed 1½p off at 79p.

From a long list of bid and speculative stocks London Pavilion starred with a jump of 160p to 300p after news of an unwelcome approach which could lead to terms worth £3 a share. Demand in thin markets brought spectacular gains to Charles Sharpe, which soared 40p to 585p and Edinburgh Ice Rink which closed 20p to the good at 130p.

Agreed terms by Dalgety for Federated Chemical lowered the former's shares 14p to 229p while Ladbroke, another involved in the bid scene lately, rose 5p to 203p on "cheap" buying.

Dealers continued to ponder the prospects of a bid for Glynwed and the shares put on 2p to 108p while others wanted speculatively included Levex up 3½p to 18½p, and Highland Distillers where the rise was 10p to 150p. Stag Furniture at 96p was another to attract support while Leigh Interests recouped 4p to 160p on the recent fall which followed profit taking.

In sympathy with the continuing weakness of Wall Street BP shed 16p to 816p but the speculative Siebens sprang to life again with a flurry of action which lifted the price 14p to 306p.

Stanley Gibbons often mentioned in a bid context, dipped 8p to 182p as profits were taken while shipping group Reardon Smith went into reverse again after the previous day's loss, shedding 3p to 44p. Comment was good for rises of 3½p to 18½p for Levex and of 2p to 45p for Concentric.

A decidedly firmer trend developed in after hours inter-office trading. Most industrial sectors managed to gain a few pence more while Gilts gained one-eighth or so.

Gold shares eased where changed and oils stayed at their earlier levels.

Equity turnover on January 10 was £98.23m (16,641 bargains).

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, GKN, ICI, Barclays Bank, GUS 'A', Pontins, Shell, Excalibur Jewellers, Glynwed, Racal, Burmah Oil, Land Securities, International Timber, Coral Leisure, Trust Houses Forte, Levex and Siebens Oil.

Mr Ronald Groves, chairman of International Timber, told Business News last night that "there was no reason to get excited" about Montague Meyer's stake. There had been no significant change in it and after conversion of IT's loan stock it was just over 10 per cent. There had been no further talks between the two. The shares, one of the most active, rose 3p to 135p, after 139p, on takeover talk.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Abbey (I)	14.99(10.83)	0.92(0.47)	—(—)	0.81(0.48)	27/2	—(1.3)
AGB Research (I)	4.8(3.4)	0.49(0.36)	3.49(2.67)	1.1(1.3)	20/1	—(2.0)
ERF (I)	26.90(19.07)	1.55(0.62)	—(—)	2.47(1.5)	10/2	—(3.2)
Halma (I)	4.57(3.64)	0.40(0.17)	5.10(1.73)	1.13(0.56)	20/2	—(2.4)
Hollas Grp (I)	10.57(5.47)	0.45(0.28)	2.80(3.24)	0.98(0.89)	31/3	—(3.7)
Kenning Motor (F)	192.0(158.5)	7.06(4.76)	14.4(10.2)	2.65(2.41)	3/4	4.15(2.37)
Kennings Est (F)	1.39(1.37)	1.41(1.47)	—(—)	5.0(—)	—	12.5(—)
Lloyds Bk Int (F)	—(—)	43.1(32.2)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
McCorquodale (F)	49.22(32.12)	3.03(1.04)	43.31(15.28)	9.74(8.75)	23/2	14.24(12.75)
M & G Dual (F)	—(—)	0.99(0.87)	—(—)	6.35(5.6)	2/3	11.35(9.9)
Reo Stakis (F)	38.10(29.07)	1.74(1.25)	3.77(2.67)	0.75(0.65)	8/5	1.03(0.92)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net.

Weir sells aircraft equipment side to EIS

Weir Group, which last year was linked with Samual Osborn concerning a possible merger of the two groups later called off, has sold its aircraft equipment division C. F. Taylor, to Electrical & Industrial Securities.

The consideration totals £1.4m payable in cash, with £1m on completion and the balance in eight equal instalments over two years. An additional sum of £500,000 is payable on the basis of £2.50p for each additional £1 by which average pre-tax profits and interest of the C. F. Taylor group exceed £700,000 for the next two years. The net book value being bought by EIS is about £1.75m.

EIS is to continue the policy started by Weir last year of concentrating the activity of C. F. Taylor on the make and sale of aircraft galley equipment, sub-contract making of air frame parts, the making and distribution of filters, valves and pumps

The predicted growth of air transportation coupled with the airlines need to replace aging air fleets is expected to provide a growth opportunity for Taylor. EIS is well placed to expand the company's sales of engineering products which are allied to those of its existing subsidiaries, Hick Hargreaves of Bolton and Kontak of Grantham.

Back in May last year Viscount Weir, chairman of Weir, in his annual statement —that the aircraft equipment division had had a disappointing year.

Gulf Asia's stake in Sanger Aust

By Ashley Druker

International meat trader J. Sanger, whose profits for the year to March 31 last fell by a quarter to £1.1m pre-tax chiefly because of losses in the United States, is to sell a 29 per cent stake in its main Australian offshoot, Sanger Australian Pty, to Gulf Asia Pacific. Gulf Asia, registered in Hongkong, is involved in shipping and trading on an international basis in the Far East, Australia and New Zealand, besides substantial operations in the Middle East. Additionally to the £202,000 cash for the stake, Gulf Asia has also agreed to buy an 11 per cent stake in Sanger Australia at the same price a share from the SA managing director, Mr J. W. Cooper. At present he owns 20 per cent of SA. When completed, Sanger through a subsidiary will own 51 per cent of SA, Gulf Asia 40 per cent and Mr Cooper some 9 per cent. Sanger intends to hold on to its 51 per cent interest.

Meanwhile, a nominee of Gulf Asia will be joining the SA board. At the same time, and as part o fthe overall link-up, Gulf Asia has acquired 800,000 Sanger ordinary at 50½p—just below the market price. These shares have been bought from directors of Sanger including 70,000 from Mr J. E. Sanger and 50,000 from Mr J. G. Jackson who retired on December 31.

The effect overall is that Mr Sanger's beneficial holding in Sanger has been reduced to some 1.72m shares, about 17½ per cent. Another Gulf group company already held 150,000 Sanger ordinary, and thus Gulf as a whole now holds some 950,000 shares of Sanger, about 9½ per cent.

Agreement on Dalgety takeover

The takeover by Dalgety of Federated Chemical Holdings which was agreed in principle last year is now fully agreed and will be recommended. Irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer have been received from the directors and certain principal shareholders. The agreement has also been reached on the disposal of Federated's investment in Coxide Group. It will be sold to the other shareholders in Coxide, who are ICI and Lead Industries. The cash price will be £8.38m (including the rights issue announced last month) less £162,000, being the dividend recently paid to Federated

Hollas goes strongly and still carries Bonas Webb

By Michael Clark

In spite of no interim contribution from recently acquired Bonas Webb, Hollas Group has still managed to hoist its pre-tax profits from £286,000 to £455,000.

Mr Tony Lawson, chairman, says he is confident that the group's momentum will be maintained in the second half of the year.

Turnover for the six months to September 30 rose from £8.47m to £10.57m, pushing pre-tax margins up by 0.93 per cent to 4.30 per cent. Earnings a share are 2.80p compared with 3.14p on the old capital and the interim dividend has been increased by 10 per cent to 1.48p gross.

Hollas took control of Bonas Webb in the early part of last year but the "considerable shortfall" in Webb's profits led Hollas to inquire into the possibility of seeking legal redress.

While Hollas has derived certain benefits from the deal, Webb's trading performance was far worse than had been expected. Despite changes to its management, no contribution can be expected from it until 1978-79.

However the profit growth enjoyed by all the other members of the group far more than compensates for those deficiencies and the rest of the group is in good fettle. The group's yarn processing division is expanding profitably while its importing division, with a much strengthened management team, continues to grow impressively.

...ll pushing ahead A. G. B. Research

...n turnover up from £3.48m £4.8m, pre-tax profits of B Research, Europe's leading market research group, rose ...n £380,000 to £533,000 in half-year to October 31.

...r Bernard Audley, the ...irman, reports that the ...ure for the remainder of year looks "good" and that expects the full year's ...lts to show further satisfac... progress. Seasonal factors ...ally produce higher results ...he second half-year. Pre-tax ...fits for 1976-77 were a ...rd £1m.

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...nk Organizations has bought £1.25m the French assets of ...er Fleet from Mr Tom ...on. Fleet consists of 86 mod... purpose-built, self-drive cabin ...ers and company is leading ...ator on Canal du Midi.

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...llowing proposed mergers not ...e referred to Monopolies Com...ion: Harrisons and Crosfield-...yalam Plantations; Harrisons Crosfield-Harcros Investment ...t; BTR-Allied Polymer; Lad...e-Leisure and General Hold...

Reo Stakis up 39 pc to £1.7m

Boosted by the takeover of D. & A. Haddow last year, Glasgow-based Reo Stakis Organization raised its pre-tax profits by 39 per cent to £1.74m in the year to October 2. Turnover was up by 31 per cent to £38.1m. The total gross payment is being lifted from 1.4p to 1.57p, the maximum allowed.

Profits for the first quarter of the current year are "well ahead" of last year, the board reports. In recent months, over £3m in acquisitions have been financed from a buoyant cash flow. The group is seeking opportunities for further expansion and it looks forward to another successful year. It added wholesale wines and spirits and off-licences to its activities when it took over Haddow. It is already in hotels, catering, casinos and betting.

The group owned the Grosvenor Hotel in Glasgow which was burnt down on January 7. But the board does not consider this affects group prospects.

Royal London tops £192m

The total new annual premiums in 1977 under life assurance policies effected with the Royal London Mutual Insurance Society amounted to record £8 against £7.1m. New sums assured totalled £192.9m net against £171.2m in 1976. Single premiums and considerations for annuities totalled £192,000 (£297,000).

Pioneer Mutual Insurance reports net new sums assured for 1977 of £75.7m (£35.4m). Net new annual premiums totalled £763,000 (£435,000) and single premiums of £3.2m (£98,000).

The Reliance Mutual Insurance Society announces an increase of 139 per cent in new life business written during 1977. New ordinary branch life sums assured amounted to £35.1m (£14.7m). New single premium income, at £270,000, was 74 per cent up on the previous year.

...dn Pavilion shares soar on approach

...ares of London Pavilion, company which runs the ...ma of the same name in ...adilly Circus, soared 140p ...300p on news that an ...oach had been made. The ...d says that it has had ...licited approaches from ... to time and in the last ...weeks a number have been ...ved. One of these has ...ated that an offer "might ...ontemplated of up to £3 a ..., valuing the company at £390,000".

...such an offer was made, ... board and its advisers ...d strongly oppose it. It ... that the group's financial ...ion remains strong. It is also "actively considering with various authorities" how best to maximize the group's potential.

F.T. and Extel form Fintel venture

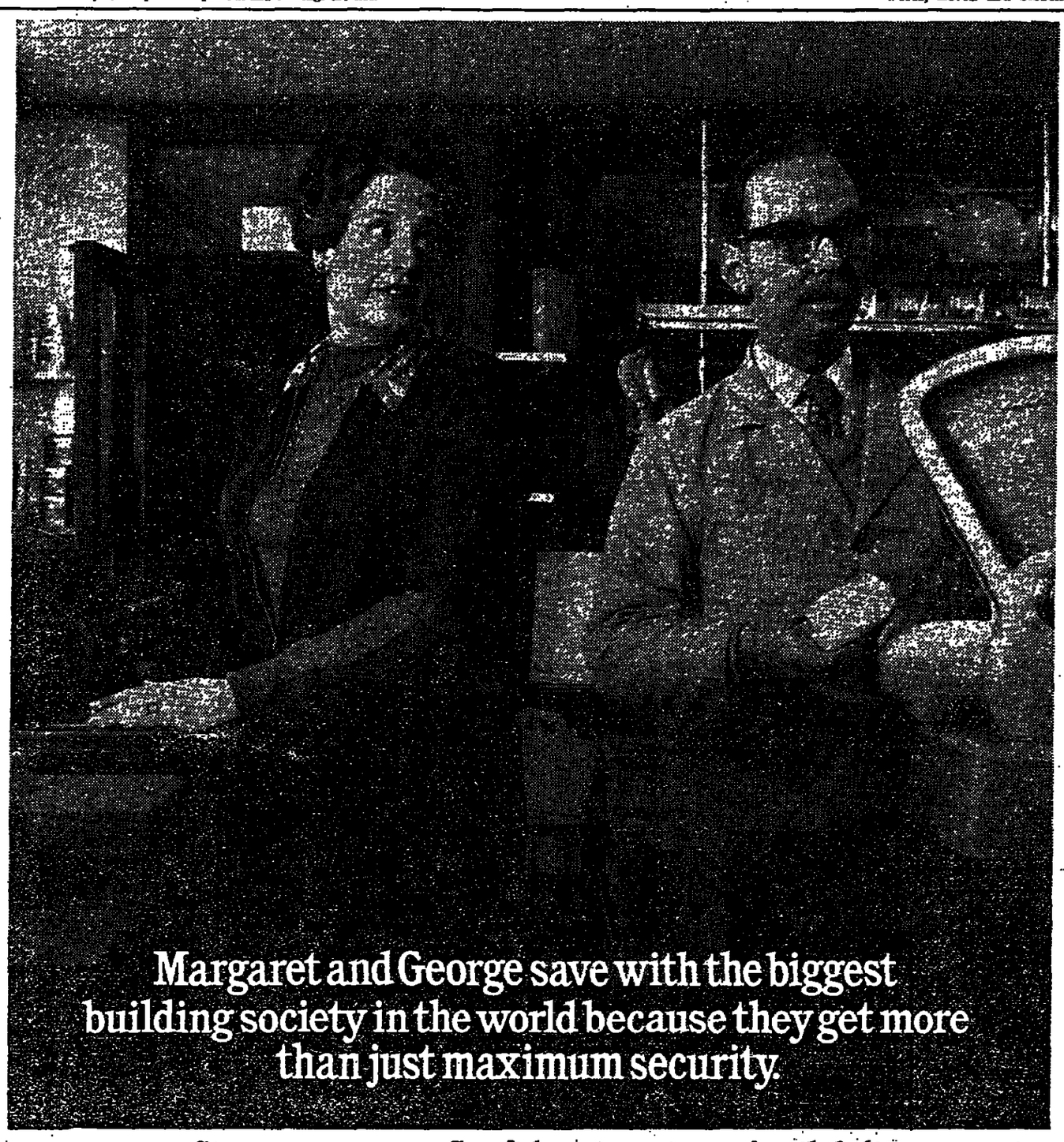
The Financial Times and Exchange Telegraph (Holdings) have formed a joint-venture company to provide business information services by electronic transmission to the United Kingdom and international markets.

The new company, to be known as Fintel, will be owned 55 per cent by the FT and 45 per cent by Extel, with equal responsibility for management.

Its first activity will be to supply business news to the Post Office viewdata service, which is launching a market trial in June.

J. H. Fenner still strong at home

The performance of the United Kingdom companies of J. H. Fenner (Holdings) for the first few months of the new financial year have continued the trend of the latter part of last year. Their aggregate turnover and profit for the first quarter is ahead. The order book remains good.

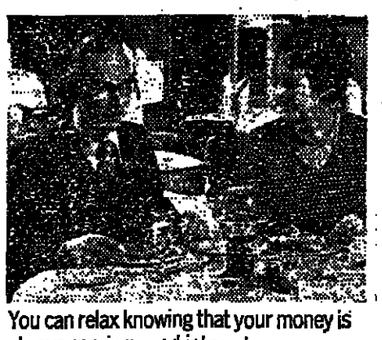


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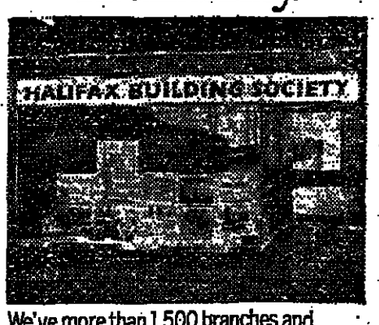
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COMMODITIES AND MARKET REPORTS

Bolivia call for changes in the tin agreement

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 11.—An improvement in three areas of the International Tin Agreement (ITA) which were creating difficulties for producing countries, was called for today by Senor Carlos Iturralde Ballivian, Bolivia's Ambassador to Malaysia.

Discussing the agreement at a seminar he said that the voting system allowed some member countries to veto issues with only 16.65 per cent of the total votes.

On several occasions the major tin consuming countries had managed to veto what would have been a *realistic* increase in the price scale.

The agreement required a compulsory contribution to the buffer stock by producers but only a voluntary contribution from consumers. Contributions from both sectors should be mandatory.

Interminable discussions on *the price scale* at every International Tin Council (ITC) meeting forced producers to seek a periodic and systematic approach to review it.

"It did seem that we made great advances towards this goal when the economic price and review panel was created, but after the first two meetings of the panel, we are back to square *one*", *he said.*

The present situation of the price range as established by the ITC following the Fifth International Tin Agreement had become of paramount concern.

The ITC had been inoperative since the third quarter of 1976 when the Penang tin price went above the ITC ceiling price.

Mr Paul Leong, Malaysia's Deputy Minister of Primary Industries, said blame for the present economic situation of tin must largely lie with some of the consuming countries.

Highest beet sugar production for four years

British Sugar Corporation will have produced around 950,000 tonnes of white sugar when the beet processing season is completed within the next four weeks. This is the highest production figure for four years and shows an increase of 250,000 tonnes over last year.

All British Sugar's 17 factories are still operating and more than 80 per cent of the national beet crop has already been processed. Less than one per cent *remains to be harvested*. The rest is clamped and awaiting delivery.

Mr Peter Dyke, British Sugar's Director of Agricultural Services said: "Bearing in mind the delayed start of the campaign our growers have done remarkably well to complete their harvesting by the turn of the year.

"Despite early promise the size of the crop is not likely to reach the 10-year average of 36 tonnes per hectare. But the sugar content is up

Gafta elects a new president

Mr D. L. McLachlan Clark, director of Henry W. Peabody Grain Ltd, was elected president of the Grain and Feed Trade Association at the annual general meeting, in succession to Mr D. G. Turner.

Other officers elected were: Mr W. H. Defoe, managing *director of T. A. Jones & Co.*, deputy president; Mr P. A. Metaxa, director of RHM Flour Mills Ltd, United Kingdom vice-president and Mr L. Meunier, manager of the international section of the Societe Europeanne de Distribution de Produits Alimentaires and vice-chairman of the oilcakes section of Synacomex, Paris, European vice-president.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	7½%
First London Secs	6½%
C. Hoare & Co	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Rossminster Acc's	6½%
Shenley Trust	9½%
TSB	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3½%, up to £25,000 3¾%, over £25,000 4¼%.

COPPER: Cash wire bars lost £8.50 and three months was £9 down.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £661-61.50 a metric ton; three months, £675.50-76.00. Sales, 6,350 tons. Cash cathodes, £650.50-51.00; three months, £664.50-65.00. Sales, 100 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £660.50-61.00; three months, £675-75.50. Settlement, £661. Sales, 4,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £650-50.50; three months, £664-64.50. Settlement, £650.50. Sales, 250 tons.

SILVER lost about 2p in the ring.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 256.55p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 494.2); three months, 260.35p (502.4c); six months, 264.30p (511.4c); one year, 274p (530.9c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 255.9-56.1p; three months, 259.5-59.6p. Sales, 51 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 256.8-57.0p; three months, 260.2-60.4p. Settlement, 257p. Sales, 86 lots.

TIN was easier standard cash dropping £80 while three months was £35 down.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,350-60 a metric ton; three months, £6,345-50. Sales, 1,115 tons. High grade, cash £6,350-60; three months, £6,350-60. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,425-30; three months, £6,385-90. *Settlement*, £6,430. Sales, 650 tons. High grade, cash £6,425-30 three months, £6,390-6,405. Settlement, £6,430. Sales 5 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,715 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £364-65 a metric ton; three months, £369-69.50. Sales, 1,850 tons. Morning.—Cash, £365.25-65.50; three months, £369.50-70.00. Settlement, £365.50. Sales, 2,400 tons.

ZINC: Cash lost £4.375 and three months was £1 down.—Afternoon.—Cash, £276.50-77.50 a metric ton; three months, £284-84.50. Sales, 1,525 tons. Morning.—Cash, £277.50-78.50; three months, £284.50-85.00. Settlement, £278.50. Sales, 1,650 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £100.15 ($193.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain (pence per kilo).—Feb, 48.75-49.00; March, 49.25-49.50; April-June, 50.15-50.20; July-Sept, 51.90-51.95; Oct-Dec, 53.45-53.50; Jan-March, 55.05-55.10; April-June, 56.50-56.60; July-Sept, 58.20-58.35; Oct-Dec, 59.40-59.70. Sales: 37 lots at 5 tonnes; 428 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were easier.—Spot, 48.25-49.25. Cifs, Feb, 49.50; March, 49.25-49.75.

COFFEE was irregular.—Jan, £1,985-89 per metric ton; March, £1,825-26; May, £1,761-65; July, £1,725-28; Sept, £1,690-1,705; Nov, £1,665-80; Jan, £1,625-70. Sales: 4,076 lots including 83 options.

PALM OIL was quiet. Jan unquoted; Feb, March, £270-80 per metric ton; Aug., May, June, July, Aug and Sept, £260-70.

COCOA was firm.—March, £1,748-50 per metric ton; May, £1,615-18; July, £1,568-70; Sept, £1,545-46; Dec, £1,513-15; March, £1,490-92; May, £1,465-72. Sales: 4,717 lots including 9 options. ICCO prices: daily, 138.15c; 15-day average, 140.80c; 22-day average, 143.18c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet. The London daily price of "raws" was £1 higher at £110; the "whites" price was £1 higher at £113. March, £120.60-20.75 per metric ton; May, £125.75-25.80; Aug, £128.55-28.75; Oct, £131.80-31.90; Dec, £135.00-36.25; March £138.75-39.25; May, £141-41.75. Sales: 2,682 lots. ISA prices: 8.53c; 15-day average, 8.23c.

SOYABEAN MEAL is quiet. Feb, £116.50-17.50 per metric ton; April, £113.50-13.90; June, £112-12.50; Aug, £112.80-13.00; Oct, £11.00-12.00; Dec, £110.50-11.00; Feb, £110.50-13.50. *Sales: 46 lots.*

WOOL: Grease futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March 236-40.0; May 235-36; July 235-37; Oct 239-40; Dec 240-42; March 242-46; May 244-48; July 244-48. Sales, nil.

JUTE was unquoted. Calcutta was steady. Indian, spot, Rs 585 per bale of 400lb: Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs585.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Jan £84.50; Feb £84.25; March £84.25 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan £81.50; Feb £82; March £82.50, trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Jan £97.50; Feb £98.50; March £99.25 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK, unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was irregular: Jan, £70.35; March, £71.90; May, £74.15; Sept, £75.95; Nov, £78.30. Sales: 121 lots.

WHEAT was steadier: Jan, £81.50; March, £83.10; May, £85.10; Sept, £80.95; Nov, £83.15. Sales: 199 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Hertford	—	£72.30	£67.60
Borders W	—	—	£69.50

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 11.—GB: Cattle, 59.60p per KgLW (+0.78). UK: Sheep, 126.8p per KgEsDCW (−2.7). GB: Pigs, 56.5p per KgLW (−1.6). England and Wales.—Cattle numbers no change, average price 60.04p (+0.83). Sheep numbers down 11.2 per cent, average price 127.2p (−3.0). Pig numbers down 3.8 per cent, average price 56.5p (−1.6). Scotland.—Cattle numbers down 24.0 per cent, average price 58.1p (−2.11). Sheep numbers down 70.9 per cent, average price 123.5p (−4.6). Pig numbers down 55.? per cent, average price 58.4p (+0.5).

Foreign Exchange

Another retreat by the dollar enabled sterling to make strong headway on moderately active foreign exchange markets yesterday. At the close, the pound was at its best level of $1.9390, showing a gain of just over 2 cents compared with $1.9185 overnight.

The dollar was under pressure for most of the session. The lack of any measures from Tuesday's bankers' meeting in Basle to bolster confidence in the dollar and reports that New York City finances were again causing concern combined to put the dollar on a downward path.

The Deutschmark strengthened at 2.1120 (2.1360), along with the Swiss franc at 1.9760 (2.0090). Other major currencies to make headway at the dollar's expense included the yen 240.40 (241.35), Dutch guilder 2.2640 (2.2875) and the Frenc hfranc 4.6950 (4.7340).

Gold lost $0.75 to close in London at $172.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 11	Market rates (close) January 11
New York	$1.9210-9400	$1.9380-9400
Montreal	$2.1080-1340	$2.1315-1335
Amsterdam	4.36-40fl	4.38½-39½fl
Brussels	62.90-63.40f	63.30-40f
Copenhagen	11.09-17k	11.12-13k
Frankfurt	4.06-11m	4.09½-10½m
Lisbon	76.70-77.60e	77.40-70e
Madrid	155.20-90p	155.70-85p
Milan	1681-88lr	1687-88lr
Oslo	9.90-96k	9.91½-92½k
Paris	9.05½-10½f	9.09½-07½f
Stockholm	8.96-9.01k	9.00-01k
Tokyo	457-72y	464½-66½y
Vienna	29.10-40sch	29.30-40sch
Zurich	3.78-85f	3.82½-83½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 31, was up 0.1 at 65.8.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	par-.10c disc	.30-.40c disc
Montreal	par-.10c disc	.25-.35c disc
Amsterdam	¼c prem-¼c disc	1½-¾c prem
Brussels	8-18c disc	30-40c disc
Copenhagen	13½-15½ore disc	33½-35½ore disc
Frankfurt	1½-½pf prem	5-4pf prem
Lisbon	55-185c disc	300-600c disc
Madrid	90-160c disc	420-520c disc
Milan	14-20lr disc	40-48lr disc
Oslo	9½-11½ore disc	26½-28½ore disc
Paris	2½-3½c disc	11½-12½c disc
Stockholm	3½-5½ore disc	16½-18½ore disc
Vienna	7-17gro disc	24-44gro disc
Zurich	2½-1½c prem	5½-4½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9088-91.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¼-7; seven days, 6¾-7¼; one month, 6¾-7; three months, 7¼-7½; six months, 7½-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $172-40 (an ounce); pm, $173-15.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $178-180 (£92½-93½); resident, $178-180 (£92½-93¼).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $53½-55¼ (£27½-28½), resident, $52½-54½ (£27¼-28¼).

Discount market

Tight money conditions prevailed on Lombard Street yesterday and the Bank of England eventually assisted the market on a large scale. This, at least, ended a run of five days when exceptionally large assistance was given.

The help took the form of moderate purchases of Treasury bills and small purchases of local authority bills directly from the houses, plus small overnight loans to two or three houses at 6½ per cent MLR. Underlying factors suggested the assistance was possibly slightly overdone.

Banks' balances were a little above-target overnight, Government disbursements were slightly in excess of Revenue transfers to the Exchequer, and there was a fairly large fall in the note circulation. But these plus factors were outweighed by a slight net take-up of Treasury bills, further money for the call on Treasury 10½ 1999, local authority bills maturing in the hands of the Bank and repayment of the large loans of last Wednesday and the very large overnight loans.

Rates held firm at 6½ per cent right through until the Bank's programme of help, after which balances were picked up between 5 and 6 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 7%
(Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 6½ Low 6
Week Fixed: 6½-6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅞	2 months	5¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	5²⁹⁄₃₂	3 months	5²⁷⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-6⅛	3 months	6¾
3 months	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	4 months	6¾
4 months	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6 months	6¾
6 months	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6½-6	7 months	6½-6
2 months	6½-6	8 months	6½-6
3 months	6½-6	9 months	6¾-6¼
4 months	6½-6	10 months	6¾-6¼
5 months	6½-6	11 months	6¾-6¼
6 months	6½-6	12 months	7¼-6¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	6½-6¼	6 months	6¾-6⅝
3 months	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⅜	12 months	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6¼	3 months	6¼
7 days	6½	6 months	6½-6¾
1 month	6¼-6⅛	1 year	6⅞-6¾

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 6¼-6½ Close 6½

1 week	6¼-6⅛	6 months	6¾-6⅞
1 month	6½-6⅜	9 months	6⅞-6¾
3 months	6½-6⅜	12 months	7-6⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 6¾ 6 months 7

Finance House Base Rate 6½%

Wall Street

New York, Jan 11.—Stock prices fell sharply, with the dollar resuming its steep decline on foreign exchanges in hectic trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5.63 points to 775.90.

Some 860 issues showed losses with about 540 higher.

Volume totalled 22.88 million shares, compared with 25.18 million yesterday.

The dollar fell sharply against major trading currencies in Europe, indicating to dealers that the Federal Reserve and European central banks have failed to bring the dollar crisis under control.

The Treasury Secretary said that United States intervention has worked, but several dealers in London disagreed.

Brokers said stocks also continued to fall on fears that Fed actions to support the dollar by pushing inteerst rates higher would only hurt economic recovery.

Some analysts added that the dollar battle could force prices down and rates up on the more than $450,000m in publicly-held treasury costs, increasing the swollen federal budget deficit.

*The Federal Reserve con*tinued to tighten credit

	Jan 11	Jan 10
Allied Chem	39¼	39½
Allied Stores	20½	20⅞
Allied Supermkt	2⅞	2⅞
Allis Chalmers	22¾	23¼
Alcoa	42⅛	42⅞
Amax Inc	34½	34⅝
Amerada Hess	25⅛	25⅝
Am Airlines	10	9⅞
Am Brands	41½	41½
Am Broadcast	37⅛	38⅝
Am Can	37⅛	37
Am Cyanamid	24⅝	25⅛
Am Elec Power	24⅛	24⅛
Am Home	27½	27⅝
Am Motors	3⅝	3⅝
Am Nat Res	43⅛	43⅝
Am Standard	33⅞	34
Am Telephone	58⅝	58⅞
AMF Inc	16⅝	16⅞
Armco Steel	26	26⅞
Asarco	13⅞	14⅛
Ashland Oil	28⅛	29⅛
Atlntic Richfield	46⅝	47⅞
Avco	15⅞	15⅞
Avon Products	46⅛	46⅞
Babcock & Wcox	56⅝	56⅞
Bankers Tst NY	34	34
Bank of America	21	20⅞
Bank of NY	30⅞	30⅝
Beatrice Foods	23⅛	23⅛
Bell & Howell	14⅞	14⅞
Bendix	35⅞	36⅛
Bethlehem Steel	20⅛	20⅞
Boeing	25⅞	25⅜
Boise Cascade	22⅞	23⅛
Borden	30⅛	30⅞
Borg Warner	26⅞	26⅞
Bristol Myers	31⅛	31⅞
BP	15⅞	15⅞
Budd	32	33⅞
Burlington Ind	20⅜	20⅝
Burlington Nthn	39⅛	39⅞
Burroughs	68⅛	67⅞
Campbell Soup	33⅞	33⅝
Canadian Pacific	15⅛	15⅞
Caterpillar	52⅛	52⅜
Celanese	39⅛	39⅞
Central Soya	13⅛	13⅛
Charter NY	27⅛	27⅛
Chase Manhat	27⅝	28⅛
Chem Bank NY	40	39⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	32	32
Chrysler	12⅞	12⅞
Citicorp	21⅛	21⅞
Cities Service	49	48⅞
Clark Equip	31⅛	32⅞
Coca Cola	35⅛	36⅛
Colgate	19⅝	20⅛
CBS	47⅝	47⅝
Columbia Gas	28⅞	28⅞
Combustion Eng	35⅛	35⅞
Comwlth Edison	25⅞	25⅞
Cons Edison	23⅞	23⅞
Cons Foods	23⅛	23⅛
Cons Power	23⅛	21½
Continental Grp	32⅛	32
Continental Oil	27	27⅛
Control Data	25⅛	26⅞
Corning Glass	47½	48
CPC Intnl	44⅛	44⅛
Crane	25	25⅛
Crocker Int	22⅞	23⅛
Crown Zeller	32⅛	32
Dart Ind	34⅛	34⅛
Deere	24	24⅞
Del Monte	24⅛	25
Delta Air	38	37⅛
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16
Disney	36⅞	36⅞
Dow Chemical	25⅛	25⅛
Dresser Ind	41⅛	42⅛
Duke Power	20⅛	20⅛
Du Pont	109⅞	111½
Eastern Air	6⅛	6⅛
Eastman Kodak	49⅛	50
Eaton Corp	34⅞	34⅞
El Paso Nat Gas	15⅛	15½
Equitable Life	24⅞	24⅞
Esmark	27⅛	27⅛
Evans P. D.	15⅛	18⅛
Exxon Corp	44⅛	43⅞
Fed Dept Stores	36⅛	35⅞
Firestone	14⅛	15⅛
Fst Chicago	18	18⅛
Fst Nat Boston	24	24⅛
Fst Penn Corp	16⅛	16⅞
Ford	42⅛	42⅞
GAF Corp	10⅞	10⅞
Gamble Skogmo	27⅛	28
Gen Dynamics	41	41
Gen Electric	46⅞	47
Gen Foods	30	29⅞
Gen Mills	27⅛	28⅛
Gen Motors	58⅞	59⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	20⅞	20⅞
Gen Tel Elec	29⅞	30
Gen Tire	22⅞	23⅛
Genesco	4⅛	4
Georgia Pacific	25⅞	25⅞
Getty Oil	166⅞	168
Gillette	23⅞	23⅞
Goodrich	19⅞	19⅞
Goodyear	16⅞	16⅞
Gould Inc	26⅞	26⅞
Grace	26⅞	26⅞
Gt Atlic & Pacific	7⅛	7½
Greyhound	12½	12½
Grumman Corp	16⅛	16⅞
Gulf Oil	25⅛	25⅛
Gulf & West	11⅛	11⅛
Heinz H. J.	34⅛	34⅛
Hercules	14⅛	14⅛
Honeywell	43⅛	43½
IC Inds	22⅞	22⅞
Ingersoll	53⅝	53
Inland Steel	37⅞	37⅞
IBM	260⅛	261
Int Harvester	29⅛	29⅛
INCO	16⅛	16⅛
Int Paper	39⅛	40⅛
Int Tel Tel	29⅞	30⅛
Jewel Co	19	19
Jim Walter	29⅞	29⅞
Johns-Manville	28⅞	29⅛
Johnson & Johns	68⅝	69⅛
Kaiser Alumin	29	31½
Kennecott	22⅞	22⅞
Kerr McGee	43⅞	45⅛
Kimberly Clark	39⅛	39⅛
Kraftco Corp	44⅛	45⅛
K Mart	25⅛	26
Kroger	26⅛	26⅞
Ligget Group	26⅛	26⅛
L.T.V. Corp	6⅛	6
Litton	14	14⅛
Lockheed	13⅛	13⅛
Lucky Stores	13⅛	13⅛
Manuf Hanover	31½	31
Mapco	35⅞	35⅛
Marathon Oil	44⅛	45⅛
Marine Midland	12⅞	12½
Martin Marietta	23⅞	23⅞
McDonnell	25⅛	25⅛
Mead	19⅛	19⅛
Merck	54	53⅛
Minnesota Mng	46⅛	46⅛
Mobil Oil	59⅛	59⅛
Monsanto	51⅛	51⅛
Morgan J. P.	41½	41⅛
Motorola	35⅛	35⅛
NCR Corp	37⅛	37⅛
NL Industries	16⅛	17
Nabisco	47⅛	46⅛
Nat Distillers	20½	20⅛
Nat Steel	31⅛	31⅛
Norfolk West	28⅛	28⅛
NW Bancorp	21⅞	21½
Norton Simon	18⅛	19
Occidental Pet	21	21⅛
Ogden	22⅛	23
Olin Corp	16	15⅞
Owens-Illinois	20⅛	20⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	23⅛	23⅛
Pan Am	4⅛	4⅛
Penney J. C.	33⅛	34⅛
Pennzoil	27⅛	27½
Pepsico	25⅛	25
Pet Inc	32½	32⅞
Pfizer	26⅛	26⅛
Phelps Dodge	20⅛	20⅛
Philip Morris	58⅛	57⅛
Phillips Petrol	27⅛	28⅛
Polaroid	24½	24½
PPG Ind	26½	26⅛
Proctor Gamble	81⅞	81⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	22	22⅛
Pullman	25⅛	25⅛
Rapid American	6½	6⅛
Raytheon	29⅛	30⅛
RCA Corp	22⅞	23⅛
Republic Steel	22⅞	22⅞
Reynolds Ind	55⅛	56⅛
Reynolds Metal	29⅛	30
Rockwell Int	29	29
Royal Dutch	55⅛	55⅛
Safeways	39⅛	39⅛
St Regis Paper	29½	30
Santa Fe Ind	37⅛	37⅛
SCM	16½	16⅛
Schlumberger	67⅛	68⅛
Scott Paper	13½	13⅛
Seaboard Coast	31½	31⅛
Seagram	21⅛	21⅛
Sears Roebuck	26⅛	26⅛
Shell Oil	29	29
Shell Trans	39⅛	40
Signal Co	28⅛	28½
Singer	19⅛	19⅛
Sony	7⅛	7
Sth Cal Edison	25⅞	25⅞
Southern Pacific	33⅛	33⅛
Southern Rly	47½	47½
Sperry Rand	36⅛	35⅞
Squibb	27⅛	28
Std Brands	24⅛	24⅛
Std Oil Califnia	38	38
Std Oil Indiana	45⅛	46⅛
Std Oil Ohio	65½	66
Sterling Drug	13⅛	13⅛
Stevens J. P.	13⅛	13⅛
Studs Worth	43⅛	44⅛
Sunbeam Corp	19½	19½
Sun Comp	40⅛	40⅛
Sundstrand	32	33
Teledyne	57⅛	58½
Tenneco	29	29
Texaco	26⅛	26½
Texas East Trans	40⅛	40⅛
Texas Inst	70⅛	70⅛
Texas Utilities	20⅛	20⅛
Textron	24⅛	25
TWA	9⅛	9⅛
Travelers Corp	29⅛	29⅛
TRW Inc	30	30
UAL Inc	19⅛	19⅛
Unilever Ltd	42⅛	42½
Unilever NV	54	53⅛
Union Bancorp	12⅛	12⅛
Union Carbide	39⅛	39⅛
Union Oil Calif	47⅛	48⅛
Un Pacific Corp	46	46
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Brands	7⅛	7⅛
US Industries	7	7⅛
US Steel	30⅛	30⅛
Utd Technol	33	33½
Wachovia	15⅛	15⅛
Warner Comm	30⅛	30
Warner Lambert	25⅛	25⅛
Wells Fargo	24½	25½
West'n Bancorp	31	30⅛
Westinghse Elec	17⅛	17
Weyerhauser	25⅛	26⅛
Whirlpool	20⅛	20½
White Motor	7	7⅛
Woolworth	18	17⅛
Xerox Corp	45	45⅛
Zenith	13⅛	13⅛

Canadian Prices

	Jan 11	Jan 10
Abitibi	10⅛	10⅛
Alcan Alumin	26⅛	27⅛
Algoma Steel	14½	14½
Bell Telephone	52⅛	53⅛
Cominco	28	28⅛
Cons Bathurst	21⅛	22
Falconbridge	18½	18½
Gulf Oil	28⅛	28⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	6.13	6.13
Hudson Bay Min	16⅛	16⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	46⅛	43⅛
Imasco	29⅛	29⅛
Imperial Oil	19⅛	20
Int Pipe	14	14
Mass.-Fergsn	15⅛	15⅛
Royal Trust	16⅛	16⅛
Seagram	22⅞	23
Steel Co	23⅛	23½
Talcorp	8⅛	8⅛
Thomson N 'A'	11⅛	12
Walker Hiram	29⅛	29⅛
WCT	33⅛	34

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9505 (1.9177); three months, 1.9470 (1.9132); Canadian dollar, 90.91 (90.89).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 1.71 to 351.00. The futures index was up 0.43 to 340.84.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 775.90 (781.53); transportation, 205.69 (205.74); utilities, 106.60 (107.04); 65 stocks, 270.43 (271.74).

Gold gains $2.50

New York, Jan 11.—GOLD futures closed higher in active trading on the New York Commodity Exchange and the International Monetary Market.

On the COMEX, prices were up $2.20 to $2.80 with the January contract closing at $174.50, up $2.40. Prices on the IMM were up $1.70 to $2.50. NY COMEX: Jan, $174.50; Feb, $175.00; March, $176.20; April, $177.40; June, $179.90; Aug, $182.40; Oct, $184.90; Dec, $187.50; Feb, $190.10; April, $192.80; June, $195.80; Aug, $198.20; Oct, $200.90. CHICAGO IMM: March, $176.00-176.30; June, $180.20-179.80; Sept, $183.90; Dec, $187.90 bid; March, $191.70; June, $196.00; Sept, $199.70 bid.

SILVER was steady, with gains of about 5 cents. Jan, 495.80c; Feb, 497.50c; March, 500.80c; May, 507.50c; July, 514.20c; Sept, 520.90c; Dec, 531.20c; Jan, 534.70c; March, 541.50c; May, 548.50c; July, 555.10c; Sept, 562.00c. Handy and Harman of Canada, $5.415 ($5.438).

SUGAR closed irregular.—March, 9.35-37c; May, 9.78-79c; July, 10.00c; Sept, 10.16-0.18c; Oct, 10.31-0.32c; Jan, 10.50-0.70c; March, 10.88c; May, 11.05-1.10c.

COCOA closed very steady on estimated sales of 1,308.—March, 146.95c; May, 134.90c; July, 130.05c; Sept, 126.25c; Dec, 123.30c; March, 121.00c; May, 119.00c.

COFFEE closed easy on estimated sales of 721. March, 198.50c; May, 186.00-50c; July, 176.50c; Sept, 174.00c; Dec, 160.25c; March, 154.00c.

COTTON closed steady on estimated volume of 435,000. March, 54.60-65c; May, 55.65-75c; July, 56.71-75c; Oct, 57.85-8.00c; Dec, 58.50c; March, 59.30-50; May, 59.80-60.00c.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 7½ 1984	95⅞	96⅛
Australia 8¼ 1992	95⅞	96⅛
Aust Mining 9¼ 1992	98⅞	99⅞
Avco 9¼ 1983	99⅞	100
Barclays 8¼ 1992	96⅛	97⅛
Bowater 9½ 1992	96⅛	97⅛
British Gas 9 1981	101⅛	102
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	96⅛	97
Citicorp 7 1981	96⅛	97⅛
CECA 8¼ 1989	96	96⅛
CECA 8¾ 1997	97	97⅛
DSM 8¼ 1987	96⅛	97
Elf Aquitaine 8¼ 1985	96⅛	97⅛
EIB 8¼ 1987	97⅛	98⅛
ELC 7⅞ 1984	96	96⅛
Fisons 8½ 1992	94⅛	95
Gotaverken 7½ 1982	97⅛	98⅛
Gotaverken 8¼ 1987	94⅛	95⅛
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	97	97⅛
ICI 8¼ 1987	96⅛	97⅛
IU O'seas 8¼ 1987	96⅛	97⅛
Light-Servicos 9 1982	97⅛	98⅛
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	98	98⅞
Midland Int 8¼ 1992	97⅛	98
NCB 8 1987	94⅛	95⅛
Nat West 9 1986	102⅛	103
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984	95⅛	96⅛
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	99⅛	100⅛
Occidental 8¼ 1987	97⅛	98⅛
Occidental 9¼ 1981	102⅛	103
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	97	97⅛
Quebec 9 1995	96⅛	97⅛
Rank Hovis 9 1992	94⅛	95
R. J. Reynolds 7½ 1983	98	98⅛
Sandvik 9¼ 1986	99⅛	100
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	96⅛	97⅛
Sundstrand 8¾ 1987	98⅛	99⅛
Sweden 7⅞ 1982	97⅛	98
Sweden 8¼ 1987	96⅛	97
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	97	97⅛
Walter Kidde 8¼ 1985	97⅛	98⅛
Chevron 5 1988	116	118
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	83½	85½
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	80	82
Ford 5 1988	80½	82½
Ford 6 1986	92½	94½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	79	81
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76	78
Gould 5 1987	101	103
Gulf & Western 5 1988	75½	77½
Honeywell 6 1986	85	87
ICI 6¾ 1997	86½	87½
INA 6 1997	83	84
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	105½	106½
ITT 4½ 1987	74½	76½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	158½	160½
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	118	120
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	94	96
Nabisco 5½ 1988	97½	99½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	74½	76½
Revlon 4¾ 1987	107	109
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	82	84
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	82	84
Squibb 4¾ 1987	76	78
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	120½	123
Texaco 4¾ 1988	76	78
Union Bank of Switz 4¾ 1987	129	131
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	79	81
Xerox Corp 5 1988	76	78

FLOATING RATE NOTES

	Bid	Offer
Andelsbanken 7¼ 1984	96	96½
CCF 6¾ 1985	98½	99
IBJ 7 1982	99⅞	100⅛
LTCB 6¾ 1982	99⅞	100
OKB 6¾ 1983	99⅛	99⅞
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1981	97⅛	97⅞

CANADIAN DOLLARS

	Bid	Offer
Avco 9¼ 1983	99½	100½
BM-RT 8¾ 1982	97½	98½
Ford 8¼ 1982	98½	99⅛
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	99½	100½
Rank 9¼ 1982	100½	101½
Walter Heller 9¼ 1984	99½	100½

DEUTSCHE MARKS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 6¾ 1.7.84	103	103½
ICI 6½ 1.3.87	105	105½
NEW Zealand 6¾ 1.3.84	106	106½
Phym 6¾ 1.2.89	102	102½
Quebec Hydro 6¾ 16.8.87	101	101½

$ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
American Express 4¼ 1987	79½	80½
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	94½	96½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	107½	109½
Beecham 6½ 1992	99½	100½
Borden 6¾ 1991	108	110
Carnation 4 1988	77	79

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Bath City 11¾% 1985 (£98½)	£12½-¼
Cardiff City 11% Rd 1986 (£100¼)	£31-½
Farmer S.W. 25p Ord (104)	123
Grampian Reg Cncl 10¾% 1985 (£99½)	£99½-¾
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	65
Mid Kent War 7% 1983 (£?)	£12½
St Helens 11¾% 1985 (£99½)	£33½-¾
Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10½% 1999 (£96½)	£34¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Arlington Mtrs (55)		3½ prem
Com Bnk Aust (SA1.75)	Mar 10	37 prem
Muirhead (95)		30 prem
Nat Bnk of Aust (A$1.75)	Mar 3	12 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £20 paid. c £25 paid. d £30 paid. e £35 paid. f Fully paid. g £5 paid. h £55 paid. i £45 paid. j £40 paid.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
44	27	Airsprung Ord	39	—	4.2	10.8	7.3
150	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	—	18.4	13.2	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
145	105	Bardon Hill	144	—	12.0	8.3	9.9
102	51	Deborah Ord	101	—	5.1	5.2	8.0
216	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	140	—	11.5	8.0	6.9
58	36	Jackson Group	46	—	5.0	10.9	5.4
114	53	James Burrough	109	—	6.0	5.5	10.0
340	188	Robert Jenkins	315	—	27.0	8.5	5.3
24	9	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
77	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	75	—	12.0	16.0	—
74	51	Unilock Holdings	74	—	7.0	9.5	9.2
87	67	Walter Alexander	84	—	6.4	7.6	6.2

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid | Low Offer | Trust | Bid | Offer | Yield

Abbey Unit Trust Managers.
72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941
34.1 24.2 Abbey Capital 32.6 34.7 3.90
46.8 35.? Abbey General 45.9 48.9 5.49
40.3 28.8 Do Income 38.1 40.5 5.42
34.6 27.6 Do Invest 33.1 35.2 4.25

Albem Trust Managers Ltd.
Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1 01-588 63..
76.3 57.4 Albem Trust (3) 72.5 76.0 4.11
64.9 47.9 Do Inc (3) 61.9 66.0e 6.4?

Allied Hambro Group.
Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851
73.7 53.6 Allied Capital 70.4 75.2
67.8 50.8 Do 1st 65.4 69.?
67.2 48.5 Brit Ind 2nd 63.2
39.0 26.? Growth & Inc 36.6 39.2e
33.6 24.0 Elec & Ind Dev 31.9 34.1
40.4 32.4 Met Min & Cmdty 37.3 39.5
62.6 45.4 High Income 61.2 65.0
39.4 28.2 Equity Income 39.0 41.6 6.6?
24.8 22.5 International 21.0
67.0 44.0 High Yield Fnd 66.5 71.4
104.9 79.1 Hambro Fnd 104.2 111.2e
8?.0 52.4 Do Recovery 86.3 92.? 4.85
33.3 17.3 Do Smaller 33.2 35.5e
123.1 86.7 Do Accum 117.3 125.3 4.75
41.0 24.3 2nd Smaller 40.9 43.7
53.9 46.1 Secs of America 43.1 46.1e
34.1 31.0 Pacific Fnd 29.3 31.2e 3.19
57.1 45.9 Overseas Fnd 52.1 55.6e 5.01
207.5 129.2 Exempt Smaller 207.0 227.9 5.60

Arbuthnot Securities Ltd.
37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281
115.9 107.3 Extra Income 112.1 120.7e 10.30
55.0 31.5 High Income 53.0 56.5 9.93
55.0 38.6 Do Accum 54.1 54.9e 8.95
33.2 24.9 Do W'draw 32.3 34.9
28.3 22.8 Pref Fund 26.2 28.2
37.7 32.1 Do Accum (1) 37.4 40.2
20.8 15.5 Capital Fund 19.3 20.9e
35.6 45.1 Commodity (3) 52.0 56.1
76.8 61.0 Do Accum (3) 73.3
51.? 41.9 10% W'draw (3) 49.9 50.8
18.0 12.7 Arb Fin & Prop 18.0 19.2
42.6 31.0 Giants Fund 39.6 42.6
[illegible]

Barclays Unicorn Ltd.
252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544
[illegible]
111.3 [illegible] Exempt 107.1 111.6e
29.4 19.8 Extra Income 28.0 30.1 7.50
61.8 48.1 Financial 59.7 63.8e
70.4 50.3 Unicorn '500' 69.9 75.6e
31.0 23.0 General 30.1 32.4
42.0 29.2 Growth Accum 40.0 43.2
84.3 60.3 Income 81.9 88.1
41.2 27.5 Recovery 40.1 43.3
115.3 85.6 Trustee 112.2 119.4e
51.9 47.5 Worldwide 44.5 47.8
66.9 46.5 B'ist Inv Fnd 62.3 64.9e 4.62
73.5 50.8 Do Accum 70.0 72.9 4.62

Bridge Fund Managers Ltd.
King William St, EC4. 01-623 4951
50.6 34.6 Bridge Income 50.6 53.0
36.2 25.4 Do Cap Inc (2) 32.8 34.9
39.3 27.0 Do Cap Accm (2) 35.6 37.9
138.0 87.0 Do Exempt (2) 134.0 143.0 5.??
14.6 13.7 Do Int Inc (3) 13.3 14.2 4.34
15.6 14.3 Do Int Acc 14.4 15.4 4.34

Britannia Trust Management Ltd.
3 London Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478
72.2 53.6 Assets 68.0 73.1 4.63
70.2 49.8 Financial Secs 60.3 64.5e
53.7 41.2 Capital Accum 49.9 53.6e
80.2 43.4 Comm & Ind 54.3 58.4
74.4 60.9 Commodity 69.2 74.4e
41.8 29.8 Domestic 38.8 41.7e
101.5 66.5 Exempt 97.4 102.5e 7.94
38.9 28.8 Extra Income 38.1 41.6 8.95
19.4 17.8 Far East Fnd 16.6 17.5
33.9 28.1 Universal Engy 31.4 33.7
54.9 33.6 Int Growth 49.9 53.8e
103.6 72.2 Gold & General 94.5 101.9e
95.1 63.5 Growth 73.3 84.?
73.3 54.1 Income & Growth 73.3 78.?
45.3 34.1 Inv Tst Shares 41.9 45.0e
40.9 27.0 Minerals Tst 36.5 39.2
61.4 59.3 Nat High Inc 76.5 82.2
39.6 24.9 New Issue 36.0 38.7e
28.6 28.8 North American 26.6 28.6e
525.7 322.7 Professional 482.7 497.6e 4.25
14.7 8.9 Property Shares 14.4 15.5
50.8 35.3 Shield 46.2 49.7 3.90
28.6 17.3 Status Change 28.1 30.3 4.50

The British Life.
Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271
53.2 40.9 British Life 48.4 51.6 5.24
47.9 34.3 Balanced (2) 45.3 48.4
44.7 32.1 Dividend (2) 44.3 47.2 8.58

Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.
Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 5520
116.0 64.7 Brn Ship Ex (1) 112.3 117.9e 5.07
223.5 131.6 Do Income (1) 219.2 225.5
277.0 181.0 Do Accum (1) 269.2 286.3 4.50
35.5 23.6 Oceanic Fin 35.0 37.1 4.52
18.5 16.3 Do General 18.3 19.4 4.19
43.6 31.1 Do Grwth Acc 44.6 47.3 4.98
36.8 25.8 Do Grwth Inc 36.9 38.2 4.98
29.3 19.6 Do High Inc 29.4 32.0 9.00
20.6 16.1 Do Invest 19.2 20.4 3.61
19.4 16.8 Do Overseas 16.1 17.1e 3.97
58.2 39.9 Do Perfor 57.5 62.3 4.75
26.4 18.1 Do Index 24.3 26.5e 4.10
22.1 13.3 Do Recovery 21.3 23.1e 5.64

Canada Life Unit Trust Managers.
2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122
40.0 30.4 Canlife Gen 37.2 39.2 4.14
49.0 35.5 Do Accum 45.8 48.2 4.14
36.2 27.1 Income Dist 34.6 36.5e 7.53
45.0 32.7 Do Accum 44.1 46.4 7.53

Capel (James) Management Ltd.
100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010
88.2 50.5 Capital Fnd (22) 83.1 88.5 4.24
75.5 49.0 Income Fnd (22) 74.1 78.9 7.86

Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.
Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165
65.2 50.1 Carliol (8) 64.8 67.3 4.45
77.5 57.5 Do Accum 77.0 79.5 4.45
41.3 28.1 Do High Yld 40.8 43.3 7.91
50.1 31.6 Do Accum 49.6 52.1 7.91

Charities Charities Narrower-Range Fund.
15 Moorgate, London, EC2. 01-638 4121
128.5 98.2 Income (34) 127.3 9.89
154.6 102.8 Do Accum (34) 154.6 9.89

Charities Official Investment Fund.
77 London Wall, EC2. 01-588 1815
137.0 103.1 Inc* (24) 131.7 6.36
250.7 152.0 Accum* (24) 244.5

Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.
1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999
23.8 21.4 Int (3) 20.0 21.4 3.63
27.2 24.3 Accum (3) 23.2 24.8 3.63
38.0 27.8 Inc (3) 35.2 38.8 7.95
24.0 21.0 Euro Fin (3) 23.7 25.4 3.93
27.4 21.2 Fund Inv (3) 27.4 29.2 3.52

Chieftain Trust Managers Ltd.
30-31 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BR. 01-248 2932
24.5 20.6 American Fnd 19.2 20.6
25.0 25.0 Basic Resources 23.3 25.0
49.4 27.5 High Income 46.8 49.9e 9.15
25.2 23.9 International 22.2 23.9 3.43

Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931
29.0 20.3 Growth Fnd 27.1 29.1e 4.13
49.9 48.9 International 44.8 48.0 0.50
42.3 32.4 Reserves Fnd 40.3 43.2 4.26
44.8 33.0 High Dist 43.3 46.4e 7.14

Equitas Securities Ltd.
41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851
67.7 50.7 Progressive 62.5 66.3 4.29

Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815
69.2 52.5 Equity & Law 63.3 67.1 4.20

Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.
Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971
109.8 60.6 Capital 100.8 116.6 3.82
100.2 58.6 Income 98.4 104.6e 6.20
99.6 63.6 Int Growth 95.4 101.4 2.52
99.2 50.0 Do Accum 97.4 103.6e 2.52

Friends Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey. 0306-5055
45.7 30.1 Friends Prov 42.0 44.9e 4.28
57.1 37.0 Do Accum 53.5 57.2 4.28

Funds in Court.
Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300
100.0 76.0 Capital* 95.9 97.9 4.50
81.0 56.0 Gross Income* 79.0 79.3e 7.82
90.3 63.0 High Yield* 90.3 91.5 7.87

G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300
33.4 25.5 G & A 31.5 33.6e 4.61

G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.
16 Finsbury Circus, EC2M 7DD. 01-628 8131
84.1 63.4 GT Cap 83.1 88.3 3.40
99.8 74.1 Do Accum 98.3 104.5 3.40
163.5 110.8 Do Income 162.2 172.5 7.70
138.0 126.? Do US Gen Fnd 130.9 139.2 2.30
249.7 219.2 Do Japan Gen 214.2 227.8 1.10
139.7 128.4 Do Pension Ex 127.3 133.5 3.80
57.5 45.7 Four Yards Fnd 54.1 57.5e 7.00
110.0 105.4 International 103.4 109.9 2.50

Gartmore Fund Managers.
2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3571
24.9 23.4 American Tst 21.7 23.4e 1.08
52.5 35.0 British Tst 50.9 54.7 3.43
115.4 115.9 Commodity 131.2 141.0e 3.91
25.6 24.0 Far Eastern 22.5 24.2 1.30
57.4 39.0 High Income 56.0 61.1 9.62
70.7 48.0 Income 69.6 74.8 6.73
13.59 12.11 Ins Agencies £ 12.43 13.24e 3.96
29.8 28.1 International 25.8 27.7 1.47
89.4 78.0 Int Exempt 84.2 91.0 5.59

Grieveson Management Co Ltd.
59 Gresham St, EC2P 2DS. 01-606 4433
219.3 160.6 Barrington Fnd 202.5 212.1e 4.18
233.8 166.2 Do Accum 219.5 229.9 4.18
175.9 115.9 High Yield 174.5 182.8 7.87
197.4 122.7 Do Accum 195.9 205.2 7.87
162.7 132.8 Endeavour 151.3 157.3 2.68
172.3 137.8 Do Accum 156.3 162.5 2.68
97.9 62.4 Grantchester (5) 80.7 83.5e 3.04
99.9 83.9 Do Accum 83.1 86.0e 3.04
67.8 64.3 Ldn & Brussels 66.4 68.5e 1.03
70.4 63.3 Do Accum 68.9 70.9 1.03

Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.
Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1031
92.7 66.7 Guardhill 87.4 90.5 4.19

Henderson Administration.
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300
11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED
33.0 26.1 Aust Trst 27.4 29.5 1.92
74.6 62.9 Cabot 69.0 73.8 3.74
53.5 50.0 Do Extra Inc. 53.3 56.1e 8.46
44.0 27.8 Cap Accum 41.5 44.6 7.63
33.4 28.3 European 30.2 32.0e 1.44
63.4 55.0 Far East Trst 33.2 37.2e
24.1 23.? Financial ITU 24.1 26.6
113.2 105.5 Henderson Gr 107.2 109.5
34.6 32.7 High Income 57.3 61.3
33.0 32.6 Inc & Assets 31.6 33.7 5.48
27.3 24.6 International 24.6 26.2
41.5 33.7 Nth American 31.3 33.7 1.57
25.3 23.3 Oil & Nat Res 24.4 26.0 1.45
82.4 54.0 World Wide 76.3 81.9 3.97

Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
45 Beech St, EC2P 2LX. 01-628 8011
74.2 67.9 Dollar 63.3 67.3
35.9 33.1 International 32.7 35.3 3.71
163.1 121.2 British Tst 153.4 164.1 5.01
163.1 121.2 Do Guernsey 153.4 164.1 3.32
31.7 23.0 Capital 29.8 31.9 4.2?
100.2 74.3 Financial Tst 94.1 100.7 4.30
29.0 21.2 Income Tst 27.5 29.5 7.14
30.4 20.6 High Yield 28.5 30.4e 8.01
53.7 41.4 Security Tst 52.0 55.7 4.95

Key Fund Managers.
25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070
[illegible] Equity & Gen. 52.3 54.4 4.99
[illegible] Energy Ind Fnd 72.3 77.0e 3.41
177.5 95.7 Exempt Fnd (30) 133.5 144.1e 6.74
79.8 52.8 Inc Fnd 76.4 81.2e 8.10
60.3 52.5 Key Fixed Int 60.3 64.1 12.15
88.3 54.5 Smaller Co Fnd 86.0 91.4 6.80

Kleinwort Benson Unit Managers.
20 Fenchurch Street EC3 01-623 8000
87.2 58.8 KB Unit Fd Inc 85.9 92.5 5.12
105.7 69.4 KB Unit Fd Acc 105.1 113.7 4.32

Lawson Securities.
63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911
24.1 21.6 American Fnd 20.0 21.8 0.29
20.5 22.6 Do Accum 20.8 22.5 0.24
37.7 28.6 Gilt & Warrant 34.9 37.? 3.94
41.4 38.1 High Yield Fnd 40.1 43.4 10.40
66.6 47.6 Do Accum 66.6 72.4 10.40
45.8 25.5 Raw Materials 34.1 36.1 7.60
39.0 26.1 Do Accum 36.9 39.? 7.08
[illegible] Growth 27.4 29.1e 3.18
50.4 32.5 Do Accum 50.2 54.3 3.18

Legal & General Tyndall Fund.
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241
58.4 36.6 Distribution (40) 54.5 57.4 5.10
71.6 45.8 Do Accum (40) 67.0 71.0 5.10

Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.
71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288
57.1 39.5 1st Balanced 50.5 54.3 4.11
70.5 51.5 Do Accum 68.9 73.5 4.11
50.8 43.6 2nd Capital 49.7 53.? 3.25
82.3 59.? Do Accum 79.? 84.? 3.25
[illegible] 3rd Income 86.? 92.? 5.95
113.2 81.8 Do Accum 107.7 115.3 5.95
61.1 44.? 4th Extra Inc 58.1 62.4 7.51
65.8 46.4 Do Accum 64.4 69.2 7.51

Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust.
77 London Wall, EC2N 1DB. 01-588 1815
[illegible] Narrower Rnge* 86.? 10.??
102.4 151.3 Wider Range* 155.5 5.10
102.0 [illegible] Property* 102.0

M & G Securities.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588
46.2 40.3 Amer & Gen Inc 37.8 40.3 0.02
44.2 39.0 Australasian Inc 37.0 40.3 2.05
64.6 54.0 Commod & Grn 62.8 67.6 5.29
73.2 54.4 Do Accum 66.4 71.4 5.29
107.2 73.0 Compound 97.8 105.1 3.78
50.9 47.8 Conversion Tst 47.0 50.5 4.03
153.9 105.0 Dividend (2) 147.9 149.5 7.28
178.1 115.2 Do Accum (2) 175.8 173.5 7.28

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179.7 75.8 Do Fnd 111.2 118.4e 7.92
212.4 120.6 Do Accum 206.1 219.5 7.92
49.9 42.3 Euro & Gen Inc 46.0 49.4e 3.71
94.8 54.0 Extra Yield 83.0 88.4 8.08
120.3 65.4 Do Accum 107.9 114.9 8.06
41.4 39.9 Far East Inc 36.8 39.3 3.32
43.4 43.? Do Accum 39.9 42.3 3.32
[illegible] FITS 51.5 51.9e 4.19
[illegible] Do Accum 59.9 64.1 4.19
[illegible] General Tst 156.0 167.1e 5.87
[illegible] Do Accum 235.2 250.1 5.87
[illegible] High Income 98.8 104.9e 8.11
[illegible] Do Accum 160.4 170.8 8.11
[illegible] Japan & Gen Inc 119.1 126.4 1.44
[illegible] Magnum Fnd 180.9 192.7 4.12
[illegible] Do Accum 211.7 228.6 4.12
[illegible] Mid & Gen 154.9 165.0e 6.92
[illegible] Do Accum 221.2 237.5 6.92
[illegible] NA & CIF 33.3 35.? 2.??
[illegible] Do Accum 113.3
[illegible] Pension (2) 128.0 131.9 5.40
[illegible] Recovery Inc 77.0 82.0e 4.63
[illegible] Second Gen 160.3 170.7e 4.99
[illegible] Do Accum 229.6 255.2 4.99
[illegible] Special Tst 147.9 157.3 4.11
[illegible] Do Accum 181.1 193.1 4.11
[illegible] Trustee Fnd 140.1 147.8e 6.42
[illegible] Do Accum 233.5 248.3 6.42

Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 2RD 0742-79842
[illegible] Capital 24.0 25.7e 3.52
[illegible] Do Accum 25.9 27.? 3.52
[illegible] Commodity 54.6 58.? 6.18
[illegible] Do Accum 62.0 66.? 6.16
[illegible] Growth 32.5 34.8e 3.93
[illegible] Do Accum 34.4 36.9 3.93
[illegible] High Yield 52.? 56.? 7.89
[illegible] Do Accum 61.? 65.4 7.89
[illegible] Income 49.5 53.0 6.84
[illegible] Do Accum 55.2 59.1 6.84
[illegible] International 38.? 40.9e 3.01
[illegible] Do Accum 40.? 43.? 3.01
[illegible] Exempt Equity 102.4 106.0 5.45
[illegible] Do Accum 102.4 108.0 5.45

National & Commercial.
31 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9151
[illegible] Income 151.2 156.8 5.66
[illegible] Do Accum 202.3 210.2 5.66
[illegible] Capital 129.4 134.2 3.10
[illegible] Do Accum 156.0 161.9 3.10

National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.
48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200
58.4 44.5 NPI Accum (15) 55.5 59.1 3.62
49.4 38.2 Do Dist (15) 46.1 49.1 3.62
[illegible] Do O'seas Acc 120.8 127.9 3.51
[illegible] Do O'seas Dis 114.2 120.9 3.51

National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.
41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-837 8044
[illegible] Growth 62.5 68.1e 4.69

[illegible]
161 Cheapside EC2V 6EU 01-606 6060
[illegible] Capital 60.4 64.8 4.60
[illegible] Extra Income 65.5 70.8 7.??
[illegible] Income 36.1 38.8 6.26
[illegible] Financial 33.6 36.1e 5.06
[illegible] Portfolio 69.3 74.0e 5.75

N.E.L. Trust Managers Ltd.
Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey. 0306 5911
66.4 45.0 Nelstar 62.2 65.4 4.80
50.2 47.5 Do High Inc 49.6 52.2 9.57

New Court Fund Managers Ltd.
72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941
[illegible] Equity 156.0 166.0 3.32
[illegible] Income Fund 142.9 152.0 7.01
[illegible] Int Income 69.3 73.? ?
[illegible] Int Accum 69.3 73.?
[illegible] Smaller Co's 143.6 150.2 4.19

Norwich Union Insurance Group.
PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200
355.2 217.3 Group Tst Fnd 347.1 365.4 4.73
For Oceanic Group see Brown Shipley.

Pearl Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441
24.9 20.5 Growth 22.9 24.7 4.53
26.9 23.0 Do Accum 26.4 28.4 4.53
33.4 24.9 Income 31.3 33.7 6.46
37.5 25.4 Trust 34.6 37.3e 4.80
46.9 26.3 Do Accum 44.1 47.5 4.80

Pelican Unit Administration.
81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685
81.4 55.2 Pelican 79.7 85.6 4.88

Perpetual Unit Trust Management.
48 Hart St, Henly on Thames. 04912 6868
38.3 25.9 Perpetual Grth 38.3 40.7e 4.25

Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
59a London Wall, E.C.2 M5TA 01-638 0801
39.3 24.2 Small Co's 38.2 40.9 3.20
34.3 26.0 Extra Inc 33.5 35.7 8.00
50.9 34.7 Capital Fnd 49.7 53.0e 3.22
54.5 46.0 Int Earnings 48.0 51.4e 4.94
36.6 28.0 Private Fnd 38.5 41.1 3.64
64.0 52.0 Accum Fnd 63.0 67.6e 4.61
64.6 43.8 Technology Fnd 59.4 63.2e 3.52
25.2 23.5 American Fnd 22.1 23.5 3.10
25.3 23.6 Far East Fnd 22.7 24.0 3.00

Practical Investment Co Ltd.
44 Bloomsbury Square, WC1. 01-623 8893
145.3 113.4 Practical Inc 139.0 147.9 4.10
205.7 153.6 Do Accum (3) 194.2 206.7 4.10

Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.
222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533
74.9 56.5 Prolific 72.0 77.1 3.67
122.? 71.6 Do High Inc 107.3 114.9e 7.41

Prudential Unit Trust Managers.
Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222
133.0 94.0 Prudential 122.5 130.0 4.24

Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.
Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271
41.5 30.4 Sekforde Tst 40.9 43.7 5.31
41.9 25.7 Do Accum 41.2 44.1 5.31
63.7 41.0 Opp Accum (2) 60.3 64.5 5.85

Save & Prosper Group.
4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717
Dealings to 01-554 8899
Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh. EH2 4NX
031-226 7351

Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.
35.4 32.6 Capital Units 32.8 35.2e 3.19
24.9 20.3 I.T.U. 23.1 24.9e 3.92
54.8 50.4 Universal Grwth 58.? 62.4 1.53
57.4 43.1 High Yield 53.0 59.1 6.48
44.6 34.1 Income 41.4 44.? 7.86
65.1 43.8 High Return 64.4 69.2 4.39
45.3 35.3 U.K. Equity Fnd 44.0 47.3 4.51
77.1 73.3 Europe Growth 70.8 76.1 3.45
94.3 72.5 Japan Growth 71.8 77.2 1.61
72.8 65.4 U.S. Growth 60.9 65.4 3.82
67.2 60.0 Commodity 64.8 69.4 4.65
67.? 59.1 Energy 60.6 65.1 2.96
79.6 61.2 Financial Secs 64.8 69.4e 3.65
223.3 58.3 Select Int 215.2 227.1 2.70
54.4 52.1 Do Income 53.0 58.9 7.54

Scotbits Securities Ltd.
38.6 34.4 Scotbits 36.8 39.5e 3.69
223.8 124.4 Scotex'mpt Grth 196.5 208.9e 5.85
177.6 119.9 Do Yield 163.3 171.2e 6.12
55.9 40.6 Scotshares 53.2 59.3e 4.24
55.2 40.1 Scotyields 50.4 54.1 6.61

Schlesinger Trust Managers.
(Trident Funds)
140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441
24.4 20.1 Am Ex Fnd 19.7 20.7 2.27
34.0 26.5 Amer Growth 24.6 26.5 3.10
24.7 25.0 Ex High Yield 24.7 26.0 8.67
26.4 25.0 Ex Mart Leader 24.9 26.1 4.31
29.9 24.7 Extra Income 29.8 32.1e 9.33
43.2 33.0 Income Fund 40.8 44.4e 9.24
33.8 26.2 10% Withdrwl 31.5 34.2e
52.3 43.4 Int Growth 49.4 53.0e 3.34
24.6 25.0 Inv Tst Units 24.1 25.9 4.36
25.3 25.0 Market Leaders 24.8 26.9 4.31
23.6 25.0 NII Yield Fnd 23.6 25.4e 0.21
25.8 25.0 Pref & Gilt Fund 25.8 28.0
23.7 25.0 Prop Shares 27.0 29.0 2.05
25.7 25.0 Special Sits Tst 23.7 27.6 3.32
22.0 17.2 UK Acc Units 20.9 22.5e 5.20
21.2 16.2 Do Dist Units 19.4 21.3e 5.20

J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd.
120 Cheapside, London, EC2 01-248 3434
103.6 77.0 Capital (3) 96.9 100.4e 2.51
122.9 90.5 Do Accum 116.4 120.6 2.51
164.7 116.1 Income (2) 178.0 184.4e 6.92
261.9 163.9 Do Accum 259.0 268.3 6.92
82.1 58.0 General (3) 77.3 80.5e 3.47
100.8 68.7 Do Accum 93.2 99.1 3.47
31.6 27.9 Europe (25) 27.4 29.1 1.58
29.9 29.7 Do Accum 29.9 31.8 1.58

Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd.
28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101
54.5 37.5 Equitable (2) 50.7 54.0 5.10
60.4 40.1 Do Accum 56.9 60.6 5.10

Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271
58.5 56.3 American Fnd 55.3 58.5 1.70
132.4 96.1 Brit Cap Fnd 131.7 142.2 3.50

Sun Alliance Fund Management Ltd.
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141
209.70 109.10 Exempt Eq (39) 201.50 211.00 4.36
92.7 73.2 Family Fund 87.1 92.6 3.81

Target Trust Managers Ltd.
Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941
33.8 28.0 Commodity 31.5 33.9e 4.31
63.4 49.9 Financial 59.5 64.2 4.37
40.9 31.0 Equity 37.3 40.0e 5.09
219.8 144.2 Exempt 209.5 217.1 6.96
283.4 183.2 Do Accum (3) 277.8 287.9 6.95
32.3 26.0 Growth 29.1 31.3 4.65
132.1 96.0 Gilt Fund 125.1 128.6 3.00
27.3 23.9 International 22.2 23.9 1.31
28.9 24.0 Do Re-invest 24.2 26.0 1.31
31.6 22.8 Investment 28.9 31.1 3.28
163.5 119.9 Professional (3) 160.7 169.2 4.20
30.3 19.7 Income 29.0 31.2 8.32
15.0 12.8 Preference 14.4 15.9 11.00
21.2 17.8 Coyne Growth 18.4 19.4e 4.02

Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.
19 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621
38.6 21.6 Eagle 21.6 23.3e 1.47
43.7 33.3 Thistle 39.9 42.9e 5.71
60.6 46.0 Extra Income 60.0 64.5 9.86

TSB Unit Trusts.
21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188
46.2 34.2 General 44.3 47.4 3.64
57.8 41.7 Do Accum 55.5 59.4 3.64
62.4 50.2 Income 58.0 62.0e 7.14
[illegible] Do Accum 60.1 64.? 7.14
79.0 66.3 Scottish 73.? 78.? 2.79
83.0 68.8 Do Accum 77.? 82.2 2.79

Transatlantic & General Securities.
99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651
79.3 57.8 Barbican (4) 76.8 81.3 5.26
114.1 82.5 Do Accum 114.4 121.0 5.26
[illegible] Buckingham (4) 77.? 81.5 4.04
[illegible] Do Accum 94.3 99.? 4.04
[illegible] Colemco 123.5 130.0 5.01
151.3 107.6 Do Accum 146.5 154.3 5.01
60.0 46.0 Cumberland Fnd 54.2 57.6 6.29
[illegible] Do Accum 57.9 61.5 6.29
53.2 40.5 Glen Fund (2) 52.0 55.4 5.57
66.1 49.3 Do Accum 63.6 68.0 5.57
51.3 48.4 Marlborough 47.5 49.9 2.44
[illegible] Do Accum 53.1 56.3 2.44
[illegible] Vang Growth (2) 48.? 51.3 3.16
61.8 45.2 Do Accum 59.? 62.4 3.16
71.8 51.0 Vang High Yield 71.8 75.6 7.99
46.6 44.9 Vang Trustee 43.7 45.9e 5.94
46.6 44.9 Do Accum 44.1 46.3 5.94
[illegible] Wickmoor 60.8 64.3 4.94
[illegible] Do Accum 70.? 74.8 4.94
30.5 45.0 Do Dividend 66.8 70.1 7.92
76.1 49.2 Do Inv Acc 73.6 77.3 7.92

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Tyndall Managers Ltd.
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241
104.5 78.4 Income (3) 98.6 103.0 7.49
182.4 128.8 Do Accum (3) 173.2 184.0 7.49
[illegible] Capital (3) 120.6 126.5e 4.12
[illegible] Do Accum (3) 167.2 175.0 4.12
[illegible] Canynge Fnd (3) 94.4 101.4 4.62
[illegible] Do Accum (3) 118.4 124.4 4.62
[illegible] Exempt (40) 109.0 114.0 7.42
154.4 100.0 Do Accum (40) 149.0 156.6 7.19
[illegible] Int Earn Fnd (3) 236.0 247.8 5.24
[illegible] Do Accum (3) 260.8 273.8 5.24
140.4 92.4 Scot Cap (3) 133.6 140.4 4.86
162.0 83.9 Do Accum (3) 156.2 161.2 4.86
[illegible] Scot Inc (3) 159.4 167.4 8.60

London Wall Group.
81.8 41.0 Capital Growth 78.3 83.7 6.16
36.? 23.3 Extra Income 36.0 38.7 9.76
40.5 21.1 Do Accum 40.1 43.1 9.76
16.7 9.5 Fin Priority 15.7 17.3 4.30
29.0 10.9 Do Accum 20.0 21.4 4.50
62.5 33.7 H Inc Priority 59.8 64.0e 8.20
29.3 24.5 International 23.3 27.0 3.50
20.7 14.2 Special Sits 20.2 21.6 4.74

Unit Trust Account & Management.
5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951
150.0 100.0 Friars Hse Fnd 145.0 156.0e 4.36
18.4 14.0 Gt Winchester 17.7 19.2 7.58
[illegible] Do Overseas 15.7 20.4 5.35

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Abbey Life Assurance Co, Ltd.
1-3 St Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111
36.5 29.3 Equity Fund (3) 35.4 37.3
30.7 23.3 Do Accum (3) 29.8 31.3
139.7 129.8 Prop Fund (27) 138.6 145.9
144.5 130.0 Do Accum (27) 144.4 152.0
95.0 70.1 Select Fund (3) 94.4 99.3
127.4 104.1 Conv Fund 127.4 134.2
118.5 116.8 Money Fund 118.5 124.8
161.8 141.0 Pension Prop (27) 161.6 170.1
[illegible] Do Equity 156.0 164.3
[illegible] Do Select (3) 79.3 83.5
131.1 123.9 Do Security 131.1 138.0
[illegible] Do Managed 162.7 175.?
[illegible] Equity Series 4 29.? 31.?
119.0 105.2 Prop Series 4 119.5 125.8
109.9 106.? Conv Series 4 109.9 114.?
107.1 100.? Money Series 4 107.1 112.?
126.0 104.2 Man Series 4 126.6 133.1

Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd.
31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962
[illegible] Equity Fnd Acc 175.4 184.6
[illegible] Fixed Int Acc 123.0 129.5
[illegible] Gtee Mon Acc 111.2 117.0
[illegible] Int Man Fnd Acc 100.3 105.6
[illegible] Prop Fnd Acc 109.9 115.7
[illegible] Multi Inv Acc 150.3 158.2
[illegible] Eq Pen Fnd Acc 204.7 215.5
[illegible] Fixed I Pen Acc 174.4 183.6
[illegible] Gtee M Pen Acc 115.2 121.2
[illegible] Int Man Pen Fnd 104.8 110.3
[illegible] Prop Pen Acc 112.6 118.5
[illegible] Multi I Pen Acc 193.3 203.5

AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.
Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101
131.2 105.8 AMEV Man Fnd 125.9 132.5
111.5 [illegible] Do 'B' 106.5 112.2
[illegible] Do Money Fnd 101.1 106.5
[illegible] Flexiplan 99.4 104.6
102.6 100.0 Man Pen Fnd 101.7 107.1
102.3 100.0 Man Pen 'B' Fnd 102.3 109.1

Arrow Life Assurance.
30 Uxbridge Rd, London, W12. 01-749 9111
97.0 62.2 Sel Market Fnd 96.0 101.4
66.6 39.1 Do Capital 60.4 64.0

Barclays Life Assurance Co.
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-534 5544
121.1 99.2 Barclaybonds 118.1 124.4
112.6 99.6 Equity 'B' Bond 109.2 115.0
119.7 100.0 Gilt Edge 'B' Bnd 112.9 118.9
104.0 100.0 Prop 'B' Bond 97.1 102.3
107.0 99.5 Man 'B' Bond 104.6 110.2
104.0 99.6 Money 'B' Bond 96.9 102.1
100.6 97.1 Man Pen Acc 95.9 102.0
99.? 96.4 Do Initial 95.9 101.0
100.6 97.1 Gilt E Pen Acc 98.5 103.7
99.4 96.7 Do Initial 97.4 102.6
98.5 100.0 Money Pen Acc 98.5 103.7
97.6 100.0 Do Initial 97.6 102.8

Beehive Life Assurance.
71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS 01-623 1288
133.5 102.6 Black Horse Bnd 133.5

Canada Life Assurance.
2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122
60.6 46.1 Equity Grwth 59.3
121.0 89.5 Retirement 116.5

Cannon Assurance Ltd.
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876
17.00 12.73 Equity Units £ 16.42
944.0 823.0 Prop Units 944.0
11.38 9.58 Eqty Bn Exec £ 11.08 11.72
12.45 10.85 Prop Bn Exec £ 12.45 13.17
13.45 10.21 Bal Bn Exec £ 12.74 13.45
109.9 110.3 Dep Bnd 100.3 115.7
174.0 123.0 Equity Acc 168.0
11.45 9.73 Prop Acc £ 11.25
1,340 1,251 Man Acc 1,334
94.5 91.6 2nd Equity 90.4 95.7
99.0 100.0 2nd Prop 98.0 103.7
95.? 92.? 2nd Man 94.9 100.4
[illegible] 100.0 2nd Dep 95.2 100.7
95.? 92.? 2nd Gilt 94.? 101.0
94.5 91.6 2nd Equ Pen Acc 90.4 95.7
98.6 100.0 2nd Prp Pen Acc 99.6 105.4
95.5 92.? 2nd Man Pen Acc 96.1 101.7
95.4 100.0 2nd Dep Pen Acc 95.4 101.0
95.8 96.2 2nd Gilt Pen Acc 95.8 101.4
39.3 29.5 L & E SIF 37.5 40.0
29.5 22.0 L & E SIF 2nd 26.8 28.0

City of Westminster Assurance Society.
6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664
Valuation last working day of month.
115.1 92.7 1st Units 115.1 120.8
51.6 47.5 Prop Units 51.5 54.1

City of Westminster Assurance Co.
6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664
Valuation last working day of month.
56.1 50.4 West Prop Fund 55.9 59.3
167.4 124.3 Managed Fund 167.4 176.2
59.1 35.3 Equity Fnd 56.8 59.7
68.3 50.8 Farmland Fund 68.5 72.1
119.3 119.8 Money Fund 119.3 125.5
67.5 50.2 Gilt Fnd 65.7 69.1
170.5 135.2 P.U.L.A. 170.5 179.0
Funds currently closed to new investments.
38.5 30.1 Speculator 31.4
193.0 120.7 Performance 193.0
100.0 100.0 Guarantee 100.0

Commercial Union Group.
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500
54.9 36.5 Variable An Acc 53.9
17.9 13.3 Do Annuity 17.9

Cornhill Insurance.
32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410
Valuation 15th of month.
121.0 81.5 Capital Fnd 118.0 121.0
50.5 34.0 GS Special 49.5 50.5
170.5 136.0 Man Grwth (23) 166.5 175.5

Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.
Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300
158.5 103.0 Crown Brit Inv 151.9

Crusader Insurance.
Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031
Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.
63.9 63.0 Crusader Prop 63.9 72.9

Drummond Assurance Society.
23 Nottingham Place, London, W1. 01-487 5552
33.7 26.2 Fund A 30.6 32.3
29.3 26.2 Fund B 29.3 27.9
34.7 26.2 Fund C 31.6 33.3
31.9 26.2 Fund D 28.5 30.1
27.3 26.2 Fund E 27.3 28.8

Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance
1, Threadneedle St, E.C.2 01-588 1212
55.1 39.5 Eagle/Midland 50.9 52.8 5.77

Equity & Law Life Assurance Society Ltd.
Amersham Rd, High Wycombe. 0494 33377
115.9 100.0 Equity Fnd 108.4 114.1
101.8 99.5 Property Fnd 101.4 106.7
115.5 98.0 Fixed Int Fnd 112.7 118.6
97.4 100.0 Guar Dep Fnd 97.4 102.5
110.2 100.0 Mixed Fnd 107.0 112.6

Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd.
Surrey Street, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 693241
27.9 25.2 Flexible Inv 27.6 29.1
41.4 41.2 American Grwth 39.1 41.2
56.5 51.9 Trust of Trusts 56.5 59.5

Grosvenor Life Assurance Co Ltd.
65 Grosvenor St, London W1. 01-493 1484
32.5 28.0 Managed Fnd 32.4 34.2
102.3 101.4 Do Capital 101.5 106.9

Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.
Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107
157.4 147.8 Property Bond 151.4 163.9
165.2 113.2 Pen Man Bonds 164.2 173.5

Hambro Life Assurance.
7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031
123.3 122.? Fixed Int Fnd 123.2 129.7
172.8 122.2 Equity 168.2 177.1
137.3 107.4 Managed Cap 132.8 140.8e
165.6 128.2 Do Accum 164.3 173.0
145.3 137.0 Property 153.2 161.4
125.1 97.9 Overseas Fnd 116.9 123.1
125.1 100.6 Gilt Edged Acc 124.2 130.8
126.0 125.1 Pen Fl Cap 126.0 132.7
144.6 138.4 Do Accum 144.6 152.3
195.0 171.4 Pen Prop Cap 195.0 205.3
246.9 209.5 Do Accum 246.9 259.9
206.6 154.9 Pen Man Cap 205.0 215.8
262.4 191.7 Do Accum 259.4 273.1
129.9 104.3 Do Gilt Edge 125.5 132.2
133.3 104.4 Do Accum 133.1 140.2

Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.
Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020
35.1 34.3 Property Bond 35.1 37.1

Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.
NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355
142.4 133.0 Property Units 142.4 149.6
96.4 100.0 Do Series A 96.4 101.5
163.4 128.6 Managed Units 155.7 163.9
96.6 94.9 Do Series A 92.0 96.9
95.2 94.7 Do Series C 91.2 96.0
116.2 114.7 Money Units 118.2 124.4
96.? 97.5 Do Series A 95.? 100.6
98.? 97.5 Fixed Int Ser A 94.1 99.1
147.3 102.7 Pens Man Cap 146.8 154.4
154.4 103.2 Pens Man Acc 152.3 160.4
104.2 101.0 Pens Gtd Cap 104.2 109.7
108.2 101.3 Pens Gtd Cap 108.2 113.9

Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.
114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577
72.1 53.1 Hodge Bonds 69.4 73.0
74.3 59.9 Takeover 66.5 70.0
23.7 25.0 Hodge Life Eq 23.7 25.0
23.7 25.0 Mortgage Fnd 23.7 25.0
23.7 25.0 Cons High Yld 23.7 25.0
23.7 25.0 Overseas Fnd 23.7 25.0

Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada.
Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255
71.1 54.5 Growth Fnd (5) 71.1 77.3
67.2 45.1 Pension Fnd 67.2 73.0

Unit Linked Portfolio
95.1 100.0 Man Fund 95.1 100.1
95.0 100.0 Fixed Int Fd 95.0 100.0
96.0 100.0 Secure Cap Fd 95.0 100.0
97.0 100.0 Equity Fund 95.0 100.0

For Individual Life Insurance Co Ltd.
see Schroder Life Group.

Irish Life Assurance.
11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253
165.4 123.0 Prop Modules 165.4 171.4
179.2 162.7 Do Grwth (51) 179.2 188.6
217.4 163.0 Managed Fnd 217.4 228.9
71.5 59.6 Blue Chip Fnd 70.5 74.2 4.30

Langham Life Assurance.
Langham Hse, Holmbrook Dr, NW4. 01-203 5211
139.9 127.3 Property Bond 138.9 146.2
74.3 65.4 WISP (SpecMan) 74.3 78.2
63.8 64.1 Langham A Plan 63.8 67.1

Legal & General (Unit Assurance) Ltd.
Kingswood Hse, Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 6EU Burgh Heath 53456
99.2 100.0 Cash Initial 95.2 100.3
96.6 100.0 Do Accum 95.6 100.7
118.6 100.0 Equity Initial 117.0 123.2
119.1 100.0 Do Accum 117.5 123.7
114.8 100.0 Fixed Initial 112.7 118.6
113.0 100.0 Do Accum 113.5 119.5
115.8 100.0 Man Initial 115.8 121.9
117.4 100.0 Do Accum 116.2 122.4
95.3 100.0 Prop Initial 95.1 100.1
95.5 100.0 Do Accum 95.5 100.6

Legal and General (Unit Pensions) Ltd.
95.0 100.0 Ex Cash Init 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Do Accum 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Ex Equ Init 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Do Accum 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Ex Fix Init 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Do Accum 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Ex Man Init 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Do Accum 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Ex Prop Init 95.0 100.0
95.0 100.0 Do Accum 95.0 100.0

Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.
12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621
131.8 95.2 Mult Grwth Fnd 130.1
125.5 91.4 Opt 5 Equity 121.6 128.1
121.7 119.4 Do Property 121.7 128.1
150.7 127.4 Do High Yield 150.7 158.7
144.0 114.2 Do Managed 142.5 150.0
119.5 119.3 Do Deposit 119.5 125.9
137.3 131.5 Pen Dep Fnd 137.3 144.6
257.3 183.5 Do Equity Fnd 256.5 270.0
149.9 143.7 Do FI Fnd 149.9 159.9
202.3 143.3 Do Man Fnd 197.9 208.3
131.5 127.5 Do Prop Fnd 131.5 138.5

The London & Manchester Group.
The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333
213.3 124.7 Capital Grwth 213.3
111.1 71.3 Flexible Fnd 111.1
135.4 78.? Inv Fnd 135.4
79.4 59.9 Prop Fnd 79.4

Manufacturers Life Insurance.
Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101
53.6 31.5 Manulife (5) 42.0 44.1

Merchant Investors Assurance.
125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171
[illegible] Conv Dep Bnd 126.7
[illegible] Do Pension 136.1
[illegible] Equity Bond 49.5
[illegible] Do Pension 173.2
[illegible] Managed Bond 105.2
[illegible] Do Pension 134.4
[illegible] Money Market 146.2
[illegible] Do Pension 177.6
[illegible] Property Bond 142.5
147.0 119.9 Do Pension 147.0

M & G Assurance.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588
[illegible] Equity Bond (4) 128.3 134.9
[illegible] Do Bonus 72.9 76.8
79.2 50.7 Extra Yld Bond 78.0 82.1
[illegible] Gilt Fund 109.0 113.5
[illegible] Int'l Bond 84.7 89.0
[illegible] Family Bnd 1977 171.1
[illegible] Do 1981 88 99.9
[illegible] Managed Bonds 123.8 130.1
[illegible] Mirror Bonds 50.3
[illegible] Pers Pen (5) 225.9
[illegible] Prop Fnd (4) 147.4 154.9
[illegible] American Fnd 41.6 43.7
[illegible] Japan Bnd 39.5 41.5
[illegible] Recovery Bnd 63.5

N.E.L. Pensions Ltd.
Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey. 0306 5911
[illegible] Nelex Eq Cap 79.6 83.7
117.5 96.0 Do Accum 111.1 116.9
[illegible] Do Money Cap 62.3 65.6
[illegible] Do Money Acc 64.6 67.9

Norwich Union Insurance Group.
PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200
219.7 156.1 Norwich Man 209.6 220.7
[illegible] Do Equity 331.5 348.9
[illegible] Do Property 120.4 126.7
[illegible] Do Fixed Int 161.2 169.6
[illegible] Do Deposit 101.7 107.0
[illegible] Do Units (3) 237.2

Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd.
252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441
110.5 99.1 Equity Fnd 110.5 116.4
112.0 100.0 Managed Fnd 112.0 117.9
[illegible] Prop Acc Units 120.5 126.?
110.4 107.5 Prop Dist Units 110.4 116.7

Phoenix Assurance.
4-5 King William St, EC4 01-626 9876
[illegible] Wealth Assured 103.7 109.3
[illegible] Ebor Phx Ass (1) 68.8
71.6 58.4 Ebor Phx Eq (2) 69.5 73.0

Property Equity & Life Ass Co.
119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857
[illegible] R Silk Prop Bnd 169.3
[illegible] Do Bal Ax Bnd 78.4
[illegible] Do Series II 102.2
[illegible] Do Managed 73.6
[illegible] Do Equity Bnd 70.3
[illegible] Do Flex Mny 156.2

Property Growth Assurance.
Leon Hse, Croydon, CR0 1LU. 01-680 0606
[illegible] Prop Grwth (29) 170.0
[illegible] Do (A) 168.9
[illegible] Ag Bond (29) 685.1
[illegible] Do (A) 670.4
[illegible] Abb Nat PG (29) 79.?
[illegible] Do (A) 146.?
[illegible] Investment (29) 69.?
[illegible] Do (A) 68.?
[illegible] Equity Fnd 164.?
[illegible] Do (A) 163.?
[illegible] Money Fnd 128.?
[illegible] Do (A) 126.?
[illegible] Actuarial Fund 107.?
[illegible] Gilt Edged 105.?
[illegible] Do (A) 104.?
[illegible] Ret Annuity (29) 150.3
137.0 112.5 Immed Ann (29) 131.0

Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.
134.? 98.4 All-Weather Ac 123.8 130.?
121.? [illegible] Do Cap(3) 121.4 128.0
141.? [illegible] Investment Fnd 136.0
[illegible] 113.? Pension Fnd 125.4

Arrow / Prudential and others

Prudential Pensions Ltd.
Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222
24.99 14.77 Equity £ 22.97 24.61
19.39 15.15 Fixed Int £ 19.39 19.85
23.93 18.87 Property £ 23.93 24.50

Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.
Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271
192.1 164.0 Rel Prop Bnd 192.1

Save & Prosper Group.
4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899
119.7 107.4 Balanced Bond 117.2 124.1
124.7 100.0 Gilt Fnd 121.6 128.1
142.4 122.4 Prop Fnd (30) 142.4 150.7

Schroder Life Group.
Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 27733
223.3 133.9 Equity Fnd (24) 215.9
221.0 167.4 Equity 2 211.2
120.5 105.7 Equity 3 (2) 115.3
147.1 125.1 Fixed Int (2) 144.3
136.4 124.6 Fixed Int 3 (2) 131.9
129.3 117.0 Int U T (2) 121.2
158.9 129.5 K & S Gilt (2) 155.0
134.3 112.8 K & S Gtd Sec (2) 131.1
130.6 105.7 Man (Flex) (2) 129.1
143.5 120.0 Managed 3 (2) 140.9
116.5 108.8 Money Fnd (2) 109.5
119.3 115.9 Money Fnd 3 (2) 116.1
113.3 112.1 Deposit Bnd (2) 112.8
144.6 127.5 Property Fnd (2) 144.6
142.2 121.1 Property 3 (2) 142.2 149.9
117.5 108.9 B S Pen Cap (2) 113.5
125.5 112.9 B S Pen Acc (2) 125.9
197.1 149.2 Man Pen Cap (2) 193.5 204.1
229.1 168.4 Man Pen Acc (2) 226.0 238.6
Conv Pen Fnd 139.4 121.9 ... 139.4
128.5 117.8 Do Pen Cap 128.5
148.5 122.1 Man Pen Fnd 144.3
137.3 119.0 Do Pen Cap 134.7
139.8 121.8 Prop Pen Fnd 139.6
129.5 118.9 Do Pen Cap 129.5
126.2 112.2 Bldg Soc Pen 126.2
117.5 108.3 Do Capital 117.5

Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.
PO Box 902 Edinburgh, EH16 5BU. 031-655 6000
105.8 77.3 Inv Policy 101.7 107.1
100.2 77.2 Do Series (2) 96.2 101.3

Solar Life Assurance Limited.
107 Cheapside, London, EC2 8DU. 01-606 0471
129.0 100.0 Solar Managed s 126.8 133.5
104.2 100.0 Do Property s 104.2 109.7
159.6 99.1 Do Equity s 154.9 163.1
122.4 100.0 Do Fixed Int s 120.4 126.8
99.6 100.0 Do Cash s 98.6 104.8
128.9 100.0 Solar Managed p 126.7 133.4
104.1 100.0 Do Property p 104.1 109.6
159.6 99.7 Do Equity p 154.8 163.0
122.5 100.0 Do Fixed Int p 120.3 126.7
98.5 100.0 Do Cash p 98.5 104.7

Standard Life Assurance Co.
PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971
111.8 81.3 Unit Endowm't 111.8

Sun Alliance Fund Management Ltd.
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141
158.90 115.30 Ex Fix Int (38) £156.90 164.70
13.00 10.00 Int Bond £ 10.00

Sun Alliance Linked Life Insurance Ltd.
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141
95.9 100.0 Equity Fund 98.6 103.8
97.8 100.0 Fixed Int Fund 97.8 103.0
95.7 100.0 Property Fund 95.7 100.9
95.0 85.2 Int Fund 80.9 85.2
95.1 100.0 Deposit Fund 95.1 100.2
99.8 95.7 Managed Fund 94.9 99.8

Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.
2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400
139.4 103.4 Managed (5) 130.6
210.3 133.3 Growth (3) 199.0
133.1 98.9 Equity (5) 125.5
206.2 142.7 Personal Pen (2) 204.8

Target Life Assurance.
Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941
101.2 100.0 Deposit Inc 96.9 102.3
114.8 105.7 Fixed Interest 111.0 117.3
117.2 102.0 Man Fnd Acc 116.7 123.5
100.2 90.6 Do Income 98.6 104.3
99.0 98.0 Prop Bnd Inv 99.0
102.1 95.3 Do Income 102.1 108.2
126.0 106.0 Do Accum 126.0
63.5 48.8 Ret Ann Pen Cap 59.5 65.1
76.7 56.9 Do Accum 72.3 78.6
135.1 105.4 Ret Plan Acc 122.3 129.4
129.6 100.7 Do Do Cap 114.4 121.1
142.3 95.6 Gilt Pen Acc 139.5 147.3
140.8 95.0 Gilt Pen Cap 134.1 141.6

Trident Life.
Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541
121.3 109.9 Trident Man 120.1 127.2
155.8 128.0 Do Guar Man 152.2 161.2
143.1 119.8 Do Property 143.1 151.6
88.5 79.9 Do Equity Am 75.5 80.2
113.7 99.6 Do UK Equity 106.7 113.0
142.1 117.0 Do High Yield 140.9 149.2
130.00 106.90 Gilt Edged 128.70 134.20
120.2 119.5 Do Money 120.2 128.1
111.9 99.3 Do Int Fund 92.9 98.3
131.3 115.8 Do Fiscal Fnd 129.1 136.7
36.0 32.5 Do Bonds 36.0 38.0
104.8 87.? Do GI Bonds 102.1
130.4 95.0 Trident Grwth 127.9 135.4
131.3 95.0 Do Accum 130.3 137.9
113.4 100.0 Pen Man Cap 113.4 120.3
116.1 100.0 Do Accum 116.1 123.0
100.3 100.0 Do Guar Dep 100.3 106.2
102.6 100.0 Do Accum 102.6 108.7
109.6 100.0 Do Pen Prop 109.6 116.1
112.2 100.0 Do Accum 112.2 118.8

Tyndall Assurance.
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241
169.2 133.0 Bond Fnd (40) 169.2
157.8 112.0 Equity Fnd (40) 157.8
100.2 93.8 Prop Fnd (40) 100.2
120.0 95.3 3 Way Fnd (40) 120.0
65.4 [illegible] O'seas Inv (40) 65.4

Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd.
41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923
236.1 159.6 Equity Fnd 224.5 236.4
178.2 142.3 Fixed Int Fnd 171.7 180.8
135.0 119.3 Property Fnd 134.9 142.1
115.9 115.0 Cash Fnd 115.9 122.0
96.7 98.8 Internat'l Fnd 82.4 86.8
143.8 117.7 Managed Fnd 140.7 148.3

Welfare Insurance.
The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333
102.7 74.6 Money Maker 102.7

See also "The London & Manchester Group."

Offshore and International Funds

Arbuthnot Securities (CI) Ltd.
PO Box 284, St Helier, Jersey 0534 72177
121.0 94.0 Capital Trust 121.0 128.0 3.17
116.0 107.0 Eastern Int 111.0 118.0 3.10

Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.
PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 74806
97.7 89.7 Europ'n Ster Tst 95.0 99.5 2.6?

Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd.
1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73741
55.8 44.9 Jer Guer O'seas 51.5 54.2 9.6?
10.9 10.2 Unidollar Tst $ 10.2 10.8 4.8?

Barclays Unicorn International (IOM) Ltd.
1 Thomas St, Douglas, IOM. 0624 4856
41.0 39.4 Unicorn Aus Ext 39.9 43.0e 1.15
29.2 22.0 Do Aus Min 22.9 24.7e 2.4?
40.9 31.9 Do Int Income 39.5 42.5 8.2?
50.3 43.1 Do Isle of Man 45.0 51.1e 5.6?
24.0 23.1 Do Manx Mut 22.3 24.0 5.3?
57.8 45.7 Do Great Pac 55.0 59.2

Britannia Trust Managers (CI) Ltd.
30 Bath St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73114
33.2 25.9 Growth (1) 33.3 35.5e 4.4?
66.1 62.5 Int'l Fnd (1) 61.9 66.9e 1.0?
150.0 134.3 Jersey En (1) 147.4 159.3 1.5?
83.1 61.2 Worldwide (1) 81.5 87.3 1.5?
5.96 4.96 Univ $ Tst (3) 5.34 5.62
242.0 200.0 Do Sung (3) 235.0 247.0 1.0?

Calvin Bullock Ltd.
60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433
10.53 7.44 Bullock Fnd £ 7.26 7.44a 2.4?
613.0 447.0 Canadian Fnd 432.0 447.0a 2.5?
329.0 247.0 Canadian Inv 235.0 247.0a 3.1?
254.0 170.0 Div Shares 163.0 170.0a 2.7?
9.36 7.03 N.Y. Venture £ 6.68 7.03 1.3?

Charterhouse Japhet.
1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999
31.30 30.00 Adiropa DM 29.80 31.40 5.73
47.30 45.50 Adiverba DM 46.90 49.00 5.31
32.00 30.50 Fondak DM 31.00 32.60 4.?
23.20 21.00 Fondis DM 20.00 21.10 6.16
49.02 43.90 Hispano $ 44.80 47.06 1.92

Van Cutsem & Associates.
42 Essex St, WC2. 01-353 6845
71.05 64.99 Pan Am O'seas $ 66.45

Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd.
PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey
183.0 133.5 Int Man Fnd (20) 163.0 177.5

First General Unit Managers.
91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 680069
64.3 46.7 Bnk I Ist Gen (3) 64.3 69.3e 4.06
155.5 120.5 Do Gilt (2) 158.1 163.1 7.97

Gartmore Investment Management Ltd.
Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, IOM. 0624 23911
22.3 17.1 Int Income (3) 21.5 22.9 11.20
56.0 45.7 Do Growth (10) 54.8 58.3 5.31

Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd.
PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521
152.5 110.9 Channel Isle 143.6 152.9 3.90

Hill Samuel (CI) Trust Co Ltd.
PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 27381
129.0 72.4 Channel Isle 124.2 130.9 2.44

Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd.
Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda.
1.98 1.67 Bishopsgate N A $ 1.98 2.09

Kleinwort Benson Ltd.
20 Fenchurch Street EC3 01-623 8000
1,050 965.00 Eurinvest Lux F 1,006 4.93
62.4 55.5 Guernsey Inc. 58.3 62.4 4.16
73.2 62.0 Do Accum 71.3 77.1 4.16
9.79 9.22 KB Far E $US 9.25 1.47
11.57 10.50 KB Int Fd $US 10.89 1.82
25.74 23.14 KB Jap Fd $US 24.63 0.65
10.71 9.76 KB US Gth $US 10.71
4.58 4.19 Signet Berm $US 4.30 1.34
KB act as London Paying agents only
20.10 14.50 Unifonds (D.M.) 18.05 19.00 5.95

M & G Group.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588
117.6 90.2 Island Fnd ‡ 110.0 117.7 3.33
156.2 120.2 Do Accum ‡ 154.2 164.4 3.33
2.35 2.01 Atlantic Exp $ 2.47 2.71
1.25 1.44 Aust & Gen $ 1.75 1.93

Neptune International Fund Managers.
1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73741
28.1 19.7 Int Fund (34) 21.8 23.0e 6.72

Old Court Commodity Fund Managers Ltd.
PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26741
130.6 121.4 Old Ct Comm 122.7 130.8

Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.
PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331
61.2 55.5 Old Ct Eqtr (34) 49.6 52.5 2.52
179.9 102.2 Income Fund 103.5 109.0e 6.45
100.3 97.6 Do Int (35) 92.7 97.6
143.5 95.4 Do Small Co's 134.7 143.2 3.31

Oliver Heath & Co.
31 Malew St, Castletown, IOM. 0624 823745
115.5 96.0 Brit Conv Tst 117.4 130.6 11.30
81.5 82.0 Cap Sec'd Res 81.5 86.2 6.52
97.8 92.4 Manx Ex Fnd 96.5 101.7 6.21

[illegible]
4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245
112.7 115.1 Gib Inv Tst 90.0 120.0
99.0 [illegible] Key City Inv 97.0 114.0
64.7 43.7 Warrant Fnd 61.2 69.2

Property Growth Overseas.
28 Irish Town, Gibraltar. (Gib) 6106
102.20 80.91 US Dollar Fnd $ 99.91
129.45 104.40 Sterling Fnd £ 129.45

Save & Prosper International.
Dealing to: 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591
9.85 9.91 Dollar Fxd Int $ 9.34 9.92e 7.06
6.21 6.17 Int Growth $ 6.13 6.63
33.92 31.20 Far Eastern $ 31.94 34.53
3.92 3.4? N American $ 3.46 3.75
13.81 13.05 Sepro $ 12.49 13.65
[illegible] Channel Cap £ 213.7 225.5e 1.30
[illegible] Channel Isles £ 144.2 151.9e 4.91
[illegible] Commodity 126.6 130.2
[illegible] St Fixed Int £ 124.1 132.0 10.53

Schroder Life Group.
Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 27733
International Funds
[illegible] £ Equity 101.5 107.9
[illegible] $ Equity 113.1 120.3
[illegible] £ Fixed Int 141.1 150.1
[illegible] $ Fixed Int 102.2 108.7
[illegible] £ Managed 121.3 129.0
105.8 111.1 $ Managed 107.1 114.5

Surinvest (Jersey) Ltd.
PO Box 98, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73673
10.23 6.05 Amer Ind Trust 6.62 6.76 1.48
12.23 10.75 Copper Trust 10.35 10.5?
[illegible] 0.00 Japan Index Tst 7.29 9.15

Surinvest Trust Managers Ltd.
50 Athol St, Douglas, IOM. 0624 23914
112.2 95.9 The Silver Tst 98.2 100.3

Tyndall Group (Bermuda).
PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.
1.14 1.09 O'seas Dsit(3) $ 1.04 1.10e 6.00
1.51 1.14 Do Accum(3) $ 1.59 1.69
1.51 2.41 3 Way Int (40) $ 2.47 2.60

Tyndall Group (Jersey).
42 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331
125.9 92.8 Jersey Man Fnd 125.9 132.?
7.30 5.60 O'seas Sterl(3) £ 6.70 7.15 6.00
10.50 10.45 Do Accum(3) £ 10.05 10.70
117.9 93.2 Gilt Dist (3) 117.1 119.6 10.05
145.9 120.4 Do Accum (3) 143.8 146.4
134.9 111.0 Jersey Fnd Dist 144.6 155.8 7.30
[illegible] 111.0 Do J Accum 226.9 232.2

• Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. ° Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. ‡ Ex all. e Dealing suspended. r Sub-divided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (14) Jan 6. (15) Jan 17. (16) Jan 31. (17) Feb 1. (18) Jan 24. (19) Feb 7. (20) 20th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 21st of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 15th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Food shares steadier

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 3. Dealings End, Jan 13. § Conango Day, Jan 16. Settlement Day Jan 24

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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Really Dry Gin

BRITISH FUNDS

1977-78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101½	99⅝	Treas 9¾ 1978	100¹⁵/₃₂ xd	..	5.856	6 029
104½	97½	Treas 10½ 1978	102⅝ ●	..	10.231	5.167
100⅝	99⅜	Exch 9¾ 1978-80	99⅞	..	5.905	5.900
107	99½	Treas 11¾ 1979	104⅝ xd	..	10.959	6.984
97¼	84⅝	Treas 9¼ 1979	95¾	..	9.737	5.772
98⅜	85½	Exch 9¼ 1979-81	96¼	+⅛	9.605	5.445
102⅝	93⅛	Treas 10½ 1979	100½	..	10.048	7.729
97½	84⅛	Exch 9¾ 1979-82	96	..	9.643	5.822
106⅝	87⅝	Treas Cnv 9½ 1980	102⅝	+⅛	8.778	7.554
105⅝	88½	Treas 9½ 1980	102¾	+⅛	9.257	8.247
96	83⅛	Treas 9¼ 1977-80	94⅛	..	3.693	5.866
98½	83¼	Fund 9¼ 1978-80	96	..	5.470	7.077
112⅝	96⅜	Exch 12¾ 1980	108⅝	+⅛	11.979	8.189
103½	90⅝	Treas 11½ 1981	105¾	+⅛	10.889	9.318
94¾	77⅝	Treas 9½ 1979-81	91½	..	3.929	6.587
104	85¼	Treas 9¾ 1981	100⅝	+¼	9.686	9.453
97½	86¾	Exch 8¾ 1981	96¼	..	8.549	9.472
110¼	97½	Exch 9½ 1981	100⅝	+¼	9 464	9.392
97⅛	87⅜	Exch 9½ 1981	96¼	..	3.419	6 903
113½	98¾	Exch 12¾ 1981	110⅝	+¼	11.351	9 468
100⅝	85¾	Treas 9½ 1979-82	96⅜	+⅛	8.638	8.816
93¾	75½	Treas 9½ 1982	85¾	+⅛	3.565	7.115
118⅝	101¼	Treas 14½ 1982	114⅝	+⅜	12.227	9.806
98½	83⅝	Treas 8¾ 1982	95¼	+⅛	8.616	9.445
102⅝	83⅝	Exch 9¾ 1982	100	+⅜	9.268	9 241
97¾	81⅛	Exch 9½ 1982	93¾	..	3.649	7.225
114¾	89¾	Treas 12¾ 1983	113⅝	..	10.824	9.878
101½	86¼	Treas 9½ 1983	98¼	● ..	9.483	9.648
95	75½	Fund 8½ 1982-84	89⅝	..	8.221	7.967
99¾	77⅜	Treas 8¾ 1984-86	85⅝	..	8.893	9.274
95¾	6	Fund 2½ 1986-87	89¾	..	2.649	8.252
92½	88¾	Treas 7¾ 1985-88	89¾	..	8.742	9 533
73½	49¾	Treas 3½ 1978-88	67⅜	..	4.476	7.834
75¾	54¾	Treas 3½ 1986-89	73⅝	..	6.983	8.776
122½	90¾	Gas 3½ 1990-95	114⅝	..	5.938	8.519
114¾	97¾	Treas 12¾ 1990	113⅝	● ..	11.484	10.894
91½	67	Treas 9¾ 1992-96	89¾	..	10.446	10.749
133¾	101¼	Treas 15¼ 1996	129⅜	..	12.064	11.717
133½	88½	Exch 12¾ 1995	126⅝	..	11.988	11.480
22	20	Rdmptn 3½ 1986-96	49¾	..	6.160	8 519
121	97¾	Treas 12¾ 1997	119⅝	● ..	11.879	10.482
98¼	80½	Exch 10¾ 1997	96¼	..	11.102	11.195
89½	65¾	Treas 8¾ 1997	85¾	..	10.474	10.781
51	37	Treas 6¾ 1998-2001	49¾	..	9.726	10 399
135¾	103¾	Treas 15¾ 1998	133¾	..	12.035	11.757
94¾	69¾	Treas 9¼ 2001	91	..	10.169	10.162
43¾	27½	Fund 3½ 1999-04	41¾	● ..	8.381	9.692
91¼	67¾	Treas 8¾ 2002-06	79¾	..	10.365	10.533
88¾	60¾	Treas 8¾ 2008-12	86¾	..	10.062	10.368
79¾	53¾	Treas 7¾ 2012-15	74⅞	..	10.233	10.394
29¾	25¾	Consols 4%	26⅝	● ..	10.035	..
35¾	25¾	War Ln 3½%	35¾	..	9.733	..
34¾	26½	Conv 3½%	30½	..	9.332	..
22¾	20¾	Treas 3%	21	..	11.088	..
24¾	17¾	Consols 2½%	22¾	..	10.983	..
24¾	17¾	Consols 2½% Aft 78	23¾	..	10.531	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

101½	91¼	Aust 5¾	78-78 101	..	5.518	6.869
99¾	78½	Aust 5¾	77-80 94½	..	6.845	8.830
94¾	74½	Aust 5¾	81-82 84½	..	6.347	8.398
87¾	65¾	Aust 5¾	77-83 79½	..	7.564	9.491
95	73¾	Aust 7¾	78-83 94¾	..	7.990	9.387
90	61¼	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
94	61¼	E Africa 5¾	77-83 78	..	? 923.12	9.857
340	197	Finland 4¾	1959 340	..	..	..
42	32½	Hungary 4½	1924 40	..	..	..
90¾	69¾	Ireland 7¾	81-83 87¾	..	..	..
84½	64	Jamaica 7½	77-79 83½	..	8.187	11.079
261	226	Japan - Ass 4½	1910 262	-3	..	..
93	73	Japan 6½	63-88 79	..	..	..
78	62	Kenya 6½	78-83 78	..	6.584	12.717
96	89	Malaya 7½	78-82 93½	● ..	8.912	11 040
98½	81½	N Z 6½	66-76 80	..	6.381	9.161
78	53¾	N Z 5½	78-82 73½	..	9 986	10.567
88	66¼	N Z 5½	77-82 83¾	..	8.653	9.818
71	51	N Rhd 5½	65-77 68	..	6 734	10.324
91	74	Nyasa 6½	78-81 86	..	6.784	10.324
154	145	Peru 6½	Ass 155	..	..	..
52	42	S Africa 5½	78-81 86	..	..	..
38	30	S Rhd 4½	65-70 65	..	..	..
60	49	S Rhd 4½	47-57 60	..	..	..
86	44	S Rhd 6½	78-81 86	..	..	..
45	35	Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
58½	47	Tanz 5½	78-82 89½	..	? 333	12.830
98	60	Uruguay 3½%	87	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

77	59¾	L C C 3½	1920 52½	-½	12.071	..
84½	64	L C C 5½	59-80 83	..	6.907	9.112
93¾	72	L C C 5½	77-81 92¾	..	5.934	7.760
85	62	L C C 5½	52-84 83¾	..	6 902	8.932
78½	53¾	L C C 5½	54-85 67	-⅛	7.497	10.198
114	81¾	L C C 9½	78-79 98½	..	8.217	8.334
81¾	67	L C C 5½	64-86 79½	+¼	7.440	9.264
75¾	53	L C C 5½	64-90 72¾	..	9.371	10.524
102	82	L C C 6¼	84-86 86¾	..	9.676	9.863
107¾	93¾	G L C 12¾	1982 106½	-¼	13.734	10.554
111½	91	G L C 12½	1983 105¾	+¼	11.705	10.642
100	89¾	C of L 6¾	78-78 100	● ..	6.907	6.849
74	54	C of L 5½	78-80 73½	..	7.496	10.250
92½	69¾	Ag Mt 7¾	81-84 92	..	8.466	9 982
77¾	55¾	Ag Mt 7¾	76-81 83	..	10.388	11.231
92¾	73¾	Ag Mt 9½	82-86 92¾	..	9.367	10.068
91¾	73¾	Ag Mt 9½	83-87 91¾	..	9.367	10.021
91	84½	Brighn 6¾	78-79 98	..	6.633	8.161
85	68	Camden 6¾	77-78 85¾	..	6.618	8 101
91¼	72½	Croydon 6¾	78-81 89½	..	7.840	10.093
89¾	69¾	Edin 6¾	77-79 89½	..	6.690	7.916
93	80	Glasgow 6¾	78-80 92	..	9.541	10.834
92	80	Gtr Lon 6¾	78-78 100	..	6.785	6.785
104	96¼	Liverpl 12¾	1981 109½	● ..	12.333	10.352
93½	75¾	Met Water B	54-83 93½	..	9.547	11.216
97	77	N I 6¾	69-78 80	..	7.362	12.972
91	68	N I 6¾	77-82 84	..	8.456	10.831
95¾	65	N I Elec 6¾	77-83 85¾	..	7.818	10.906
87	84	Notts 6¾	78-78 100	..	6.749	6.734
87	84	Rhond 6¾	77-79 97	..	6.415	8 270
89	77¾	So Afr 6¾	64-78 83¾	..	8.216	9.834
43½	37¾	Surrey 6¾	69-78 90	..	6.359	8 822

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Gross Div Yield	Price	Ch'ge	pence	%	P/E

Investment Dollar Premium 49.0% (49¾c).
Premium Conversion Factor 0.6832.

FOREIGN STOCKS

54½	40½	Bayer	$48½	..	197	4.9	17.9
15⅝	11¾	Commerzbank	€13¾	..	44.2	3.3	15.2
20⅝	17½	Cp Fn Paris	£18½	..	167	10.1	6.0
32	23	Dresdner	DM25	..	26.5	2.6	..
24	16	Ericsson	Kr17¾	-½	80.2	3.9	20.0
23	6	Finsider	€2	..	..	..	..
14	4½	Granges	Kr14	+1	..	..	..
540	385	Hoechst	388	..	19.7	5.1	13.3
8	3	Montecatini E	3	..	..	..	..
550	470	Rabeco B.S	476	-8	29.7	6.2	27.3
381	325	Rolinco Subs R	351	..	..	..	42.7
90	30	Sala Viscose	30	..	..	..	..
705	710	Thyssen-Huette	725	..	..	..	12.9
74¾	62	Volkswagen	Kr64¾	..	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

104½	83	Brascan	89¾	-¼	57.4¢	6.9	3.7
12	6¾	BP Canada	$9¾	-¼	..	..	..
43¾	34	Can Pac Ord	38¾	-¼	47.0	4.3	7.2
19¾	9	Ch Patrol	19¾	..	41.7	4.2	16.5
43¾	27¾	Exxon Corp	$27¾	-¼	..	..	..
33	21	Fluor	$21	..	69.7	3.0	6.3
25¾	18¾	Hollinger	$19¾	..	..	..	..
33½	25	Hud Bay Oil	$25¾	..	28.9	1.2	46.6
24¾	16¾	Husky Oil	$14¾	..	16.3	5.9	6.7
28¼	19¾	INCO	$19¾	-¼	58.3	5.9	6.7
11¾	7	IU Int	$7	..	32.4	7.3	9.5
33¾	19¾	Kaiser Alum	$19¾	..	31.4	3.3	11.7
15¾	9¾	Massey-Ferg	$9¾	..	38.1	6.6	2.5
17¾	12	Norton Simon	$12	..	43.7	3.6	8.8
27¾	20	Pacific Petrol	$21¾	..	..	..	..
24¾	17¾	Pan Canadian	$19¾	..	..	..	..
11¾	8¾	Norcp. Rock	$10	..	..	..	..
12¾	9¾	Trans Can P	$9¾	..	..	..	..
21	15¾	US Steel	$15¾	..	..	..	..
35	25	White Pass	$25	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
23¾	17¾	Zapata Corp	$21	-¼	15.7	1.4	5.5

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

215	185	Alexn Discount	208	+1	23.0	3.0	52.4
385	350	Allen 'S & Sons	385	-5	46.5	9.0	9.2
98	83½	Allied Irish	95	-1	10.0	10.5	5.7
170	148	Arbuthnot	165	..	14.3	8.7	11.3
237	232	ANZ Grp	233	-5	11.9	5.0	5.0
23¾	13¾	Bank Americ	14¾	..	49.3	3.7	10.6
385	302½	Bk of Ireland	355	..	20.1	5.7	6.7
2	1½	Bk of Israel	1¾	..	1.4	3.9	4.7
170	170	Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	14.9
370	350	Bk of NSW	365	-5	18.8	4.8	8.3
5	223	Bk of Scotland	315	-5	16.5	5.2	6.5
134	114	Banks Tst Ltr	134	..	12.5	8.0	7.8
365	327	Barclays Bank	345	+7	18.4	4.7	8.5
118	113	Brown Shipley	200	..	14.0	7.0	7.6
315	235	Cater Ryder	308	..	26.6	8.6	..
89½	77½	Chase Man	87¾	-¼	1.28	7.3	8.4
78	14	Citicorp	14	..	61.7	4.4	7.4
3	2¼	Clive Discount	2¾	..	7.2	8.9	9.2
70	57½	Com Bk of Aust	70	+⅛	10.3	8.1	7.9
115	90	Com Bk of Syd	110	-2	9.3	7.3	..
174	126	CC De France	£146½	● +½	121	8.1	10.3
3½	¾	First Nat.Fin	3¾	..	..	..	..
2½	1	Fraser Ans	1¼	..	..	..	..
130	130	Gerrard & Nat	138	..	12.4	6.6	8.3
37	37	Gibbs A	45	..	3.0	6.6	16.9
161½	126½	Gilbert Bros	249	+2	23.4	9.4	11.6
55	55	Grindlays Bldgs	55	..	6.6	3.6	6.4
150	150	Gunness Prat	212	..	15.1	7.1	10.5
13	12	Hambros £10	£19	..	16.0	..	..
14	14	Do Ord	212	-3	14.4	6.8	8.1
6	74	Hill Samuel	97	-1	6.7	6.9	8.5
257	229	Hong K & Shang	229	+4	7.7½	3.3	19.7
8	5½	Jamel Tyabbee	8	-2	6.2	7.7	..
215	185	Joseph L.	185	..	12.0	6.7	8.9
1	21	Kerner Tillmann	46	..	1.9	4.1	6.3
8	6	King & Shaxson	8	..	5.1	7.8	6.8
7	5	Kleinwort Ben	12	..	5.9	5.2	9.3
185	185	Lloyds Bank	295	+1	13.2	4.5	6.6
7	92	Mercury Secs	133	..	5.1	3.9	6.6
8	245	Midland	398	+11	20.6	5.2	6.8
5	39	Minster Assets	62	..	5.3	8.6	9.0
0	185	National Nest	260	..	8.7	3.2	7.8
8	85	Nat Com Bk Grp	78	+1	8.0	10.3	5.8
3	265	Nat Westminster	295	+8	16.5	5.6	6.9
3	2	Ottoman	£39½	..	250	6.3	11.1
3	45	Rea Bros	60	..	2.4	4.0	12.8
1½	13½	Royal of Can	£15¾	-¼	70.3	4.6	11.8
0	230	Schroders	440	..	15.7	3.6	15.5
0	186½	Secombe Mar	250	..	15.7	7.9	7.4
8	58	Smith St Aubyn	84	-4	7.3	8.7	..
0	203	Standard Chart	430	..	27.6	6.6	6.0
5	385	Union Discount	430	..	32.4	7.5	10.1
1	37	Wintrust	65	..	4.6	6.9	36.3

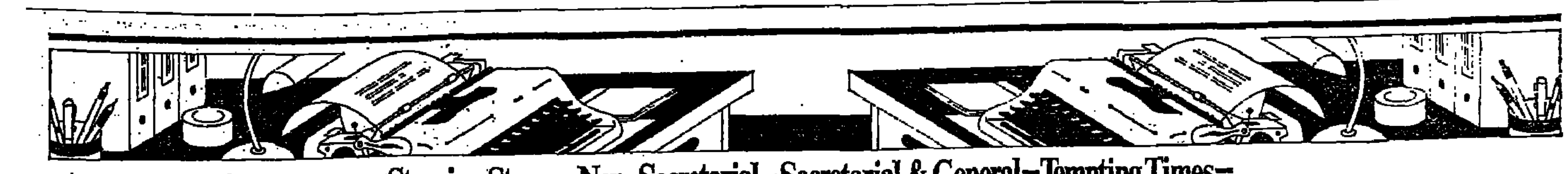
BREWERIES AND DISTILLERS

58	58	Allied	88½	..	6.0	6.7	11.5
87	64	Bass Charrgton	156	..	7.3	4.7	10.5
28	28	Belhaven Grp	41	..	..	..	..
249	189	Bell A.	228	..	2.4	3.2	9.1
65	65	Boddingtons	142	+2	8.8	4.5	15.1
64	64	Brown M.	110	+2	8.8	8.4	12.9
98	98	Bulmer H. P.	136	● ..	4.9	3.6	8.0
75	75	Burtonwood	139	..	4.8	3.0	11.1
60	60	C of Ldn Dfd	61	..	3.6	6.0	24.0
168	168	Devenish	168	..	6.8	4.5	8.1
119	119	Distillers	175	● ..	6.4	3.7	10.8
190	190	Glenlivet Dist	240	● ..	8.4	3.5	11.2
66	66	Greenall	105	● ..	4.8	5.9	10.6
158	158	Greene King	225	..	10.9	4.8	12.6
124	124	Guinness	186	● -4	10.8	5.7	8.9
85	85	Hardys & H'sons	143	..	10.8	7.6	9.8
410	410	Highland	450	..	4.2	1.0	22.4
86	86	Invergordon	96	+2	3.2	3.3	11.6
42	41	Irish Distillers	128	..	5.4	4.2	20.0
51	51	Marston	84	..	3.6	4.8	8.2
48	48	Scot & Newcastle	67	..	4.7	7.0	14.7
75	75	Seagram	$135½	-½	45.7	3.4	9.7
98	98	SA Breweries	69	..	6.3	10.6	4.3
42	42	Tomatin	104	+1	6.1	4.0	38.5
228	228	Vaux	410	● ..	24.4	5.9	10.7
42	35½	Whitbread 'A'	53½	-1	3.6	6.0	10.6
69	69	Do B	97	+1	3.6	3.6	17.2
58	58	Whitbread Inv	88	..	6.7	4.4	11.8
145	145	Wolverhampton	198	..	..	..	..

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142	56	AB Electronic	132	..	7.6	6.8	7.7
58	28	AC Cars	36	..	1.5	3.8	9.5
52	32	AGB Research	34	● +2	3.5	4.1	13.9
229½	134	APV Hldgs	222	..	8.1	3.7	8.8
72	43	Aaronson Bros	52	..	2.8	5.5	7.1
115	62	Acrow	115	+1	3.6	3.1	13.1
98	52	Do A	93	..	3.6	3.9	10.8
41	11	Adda Int	35	..	0.8	2.3	..
282	150	Adwest Group	270	-1	15.2	5.6	7.5
63	34	Aerom'r & Gen	56	..	3.5	6.0	10.3
62	42	Airtrn Ind	51	..	4.6	9.0	6.7
131	79	Albright & W	101	+1	8.5	6.4	8.6
98	60	Alcan 10½%	£88½	-½	1050	11.7	..
152	71	Do 9% Cnv	£116	-1	980	7.8	..
200	200	Alginate Ind	280	-5	19.7	5.9	10.5
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	58	..	6.6	11.3	..
54	25½	Allen W. G	54	..	3.9	7.2	8.0
100½	44½	Allied Colloids	84	..	2.3	2.7	14.8
66	43	Allied Insulators	60	..	5.3	8.6	7.2
13¾	7½	Allied Plant	15½	s ..	1.7	7.9	8.1
50	19	Allied Polymer	50	h ..	3.4	6.7	24.5
186	75½	Allied Retailers	186	-1	12.1	6.5	9.6
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	45	..	2.5	5.5	28.9
285	210	Amal Metal	272	..	21.5	7.9	8.2
139	57½	Amal Power	139	..	8.0	5.7	12.2
55	44	Asprey Gr'e Pl	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
95	54	Ass Biscuit	88	..	4.5	5.1	8.5
170	8	Ass Book	172	..	8.1	4.7	7.6
84	45	Ass Brit Feed	83	-1	3.3	4.0	6.4
142	82	Ass Engineer	132	+1	7.1	5.3	6.3
68	36	Ass Fisheries	68	..	5.4	8.0	13.7
58	28	Ass Leisure	53½	..	4.3	7.5	10.0
169	121	Ass News	169	..	8.1	4.8	9.6
52	38	Ass Paper	51	..	4.5	8.8	..
258	153	Ass Port Cement	258	..	13.1	4.9	8.8
119	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	113	..	9.9	8.8	7.8
38	23	Ass Tubing	36	..	3.5	13.3	20.2
58	42	Astbury & Midley	58	..	3.7	6.4	9.9
95	34	Astrns Ares	49	..	5.6	11.4	8.7
55	23	Auditotronic	35	-1	..	..	..
72	42	Aull & Wilberg	33	..	2.9	8.6	7.0
98	56	Aurora Hldgs	96	..	7.9	8.2	4.8
70	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.0
113½	61	Automotive Pd	103	+2	2.8	2.7	8.3
34	14½	Avana Grp	32½	..	1.6	4.8	8.3
154	113	Averys	153½	-½	8.3	5.5	9.1
197	157	Avon Rubber	156	-3	14.1	7.6	6.8
307	235	B.A.T. Ind	280	..	20.0	7.2	6.0
260	203	Do Dfd	230	..	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	61	..	3.1	5.6	6.9
136	87	BICC	112	+2	10.0	8.9	13.3
98	60	BOC Int	78	+½	4.8	6.1	8.3
223	111	BPB Ind	204	..	11.0	4.5	7.5
50	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	48	-2	4.3	9.6	6.0
61¾	37½	BSG Int	48¾	..	3.2	7.9	6.7
151	85	BSR Ltd	98	+1	7.1	7.2	9.4
242	142½	BTR Ltd	243	-1	13.8	5.7	8.4
84	70	Babcock & W	116	..	8.0	6.9	5.1
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	32	● ..	3.5	11.1	9.8
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109½	93	Baird W.	158	..	14.1	8.9	6.0
112	65	Baker Perkins	97	-2	6.2	6.5	5.8
285	210	Bamberger	47	..	4.5	9.6	5.3
15	3½	Barker & Dobson	13½	+½	..	..	..
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74	36	Barr & Wallace	74	..	5.1	6.9	7.2
25	17	Do A	22	..	1.2	5.1	5.0
18	8	Barrett Dec	16	..	0.8	4.7	2.4
98	41	Barrhr Chrm	70	-1	6.0	8.5	7.8
53	50	Birm'gham Mint	60	-1	6.6	11.0	6.5
230	142	Bishops Stores	190	..	3.7	2.0	10.7
257	76	Do A NV	156	..	3.5	2.2	14.2
142	82	Ass Engineer	132	+½	7.1	5.9	6.3
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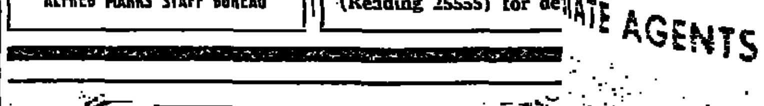
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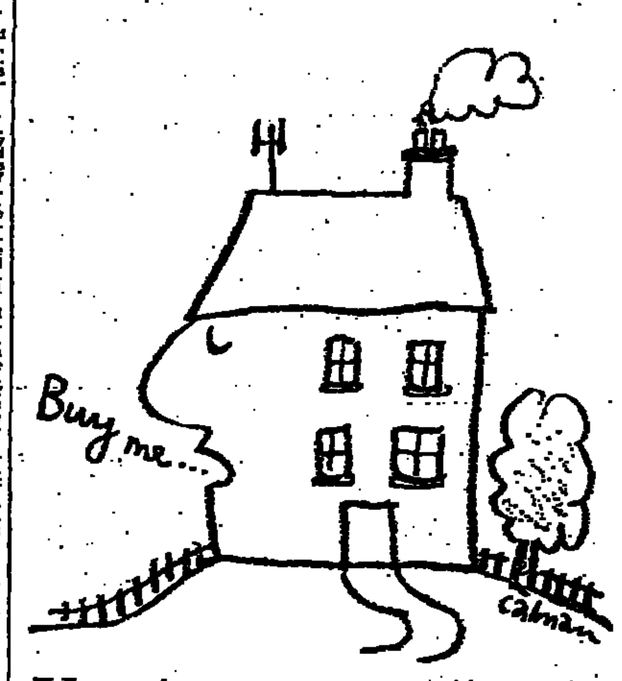
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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

National Spinning and Weaving Company
Alexandria, Arab Republic of Egypt

NOTICE TO TEXTILE MACHINERY VENDORS AND CIVIL WORKS CONTRACTORS

I. THE PROJECT

1. The National Spinning and Weaving Company (National) announces through the General Organization for Industrialization (GOFI) that it will undertake a project involving: (A) the modernization and expansion of its existing converting plant at Maharem Bey to increase the capacity from about 40 million linear metres per year (LMPY) to about 80 million LMPY; (B) the establishment of a spinning mill with a capacity of 5,000 tons per year; and (C) the establishment of a weaving mill with a capacity of 25 million LMPY.

Both the spinning and the weaving mill will be located either at a new site about 20 km west of Alexandria, or in Maharem Bey. The project will also include a new making-up unit at Maharem Bey for the production of bedsheets and pillow cases.

2. The equipment and materials for the project will include spinning, weaving, mercerizing, bleaching, dyeing, printing, finishing, liquid effluent treatment, and boiler machinery as well as equipment for humidification, air conditioning, firefighting, workshops, testing laboratories, materials handling, and for cutting and sewing of bedsheets and pillow cases. The civil works for the project involves mainly site preparation, an air conditioned spinning and weaving shed with a covered floor area of about 60,000 square metres, utilities buildings and administrative offices.

II. PROJECT FINANCING

3. National has applied for a loan of about US$55 million equivalent in various currencies from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) to finance part of the project cost.

Equipment, materials and the civil works contract financed from the proceeds of the proposed loan will be procured according to the World Bank procurement guidelines and tenders will be invited from suppliers in member countries of the World Bank and Switzerland.

III. REGISTRATION OF VENDORSE

4. Interested civil works contractors and equipment vendors are requested to indicate the items for which the vendor would like to receive invitations to bid (ITB) and also to submit supporting information regarding the vendor's qualifications and experience in the manufacturing, erecting and servicing of the items offered

Vendors may apply for pre-qualification by writing to National not later than February 28, 1978:

NATIONAL SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 119, ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT
CABLE ADDRESS: FILATURE–ALEXANDRIA
TELEPHONE: 27691. QR 21399

IV. TENDER DOCUMENTS

5. National will qualify civil works contractors and suppliers on the basis of the information provided pursuant to this announcement.

Subsequently, National will send the ITB to qualified suppliers giving the machinery specifications as well as the types of technical information, performance details and warranties (in English) to be included in the vendor's bidding documents.

6. The principal factors which will be considered in evaluating the bids and in awarding contracts are; price, payment terms, quality, operating performance, installation as well as maintenance and operatinf costs, delivery time, freight and insurnce costs, performance guarantees, compliance with ITB specifications, spare parts requirements and availability, and the vendor's specific experience.

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Motoring

Ford tests find dangers in false economy



Brisk and sporty—the new Toyota Celica

As motoring costs continue to rise n almost every front—the one exception, doubtless temporary, is petrol—e temptation to save a few pounds ere and there is naturally great. But have today a couple of cautionary les.

Ford has just published the results its "safety fortnight" during which offered motorists a free 36-point fety check. Nearly 73,000 cars of all akes were checked by 700 dealers d the picture to emerge is far from couraging.

Each vehicle had on average six ults, and most of them involving akes, steering, headlights, tyres, suspension, exhaust and windscreen ipers—all vital to safety. Mr Ken rendergast, Ford's director of customer service, commented: "These sults indicate that the average otorist, perhaps trying to save money a difficult time, is neglecting service d repair."

Despite the tougher annual vehicle st introduced a year ago, the percentage of defects was in most cases very nilar to that revealed in a previous rd safety check in 1976. Thus 19 per nt of the cars tested had defective otbrakes; 25.5 per cent defective ndbrakes 20.8 per cent faulty hausts; 17.6 per cent defective susnsion and shock absorbers; 20.5 alty headlights; and 27.5 poor steer-. Tyre faults were found on nearly per cent of cars, compared with 30 r cent in 1976.

The average quotation for necessary pairs came to £32, which even at to-y's prices is quite a sum to find. No onder, perhaps, that many motorists e reluctant to pay out. But as Mr endergast says: "The sad fact is that glecting a car makes it more expene in the long run."

Also under the heading of false onomy, according to a survey in the est issue of the consumer magazine, *otoring Which?*, come those gadgets ich claim to improve fuel consumpn. *Which?* tested five such devices d does not think much of them.

The five were: the Cornette Exhaust ector (£4.32), the Ignition Amplifier out £9), the Paser 500 (£16.20), the lter King (£19.98) and the GM Modir (£3). All are claimed to give petrol ings of up to, and sometimes at st, 10 per cent. One is said to imove the quality of the spark, another smooth out unnecessary surges of trol; and so on.

Which? fitted the devices in turn new Morris Marina 1.8 saloons, carely run in and tuned to the maker's ecifications. Consumption was meared against that of a control car over o types of constant speed run, a ulated town cycle and a 21-mile test re.

In every instance the result was her a change in consumption that s not statistically significant or an provement not confirmed by a subuent test. *Which?* says that "we und no convincing proof that any of se gadgets improved fuel consump by the margins claimed by their kers when fitted to new cars in good dition".

he last eight words may be signifi-t, for when told of the *Which?* ults the importer of the Ignition amplifier (a West German product) said the device operated most effectively on older cars with a less efficient ignition system. And the importer of of the Paser (which comes from the United States) said it had little effect until the car had been used for 1,000 miles or so.

The manufacturer of the GM Modifier had a different explanation: that the device is much less effective *on* cars, like the Marina, fitted with an SU carburettor. *Which?* retorts that none of these conditions is made clear in the advertising for the devices.

The magazine comments that it is easily possible for a car's consumption to vary more than 10 per cent in everyday use, depending on how it is driven. Secondly, "if you want to get the most out of your car, maintain it in good running order and drive smoothly". The best economy device, it has been said, is a light right foot.

Road test: Vauxhall Cavalier 1300

As it happens, fuel consumption is one of the best reasons for buying the 1300 Cavalier; but first some background. The original Cavaliers, with 1600 and 1900 engines, were Asconas and Mantas from Vauxhall's German sister company, Opel, with a slightly different front end styling. They were imported from the General Motors assembly plant in Belgium to give Vauxhall a much-needed medium car to set against the all-conquering Ford Cortina.

The success of the venture and the possible embarrassment of adding still further to the British import bill prompted Vauxhall to consider Cavalier assembly at Luton and this was started, last autumn, with the new 1300 version. Unlike the more powerful Cavaliers, it uses a British engine—the 1256 cc unit from the Viva and Chevette—with the corresponding

The Cavalier is a big car for a 1256 cc engine and those expecting the same sprightly performance as that of the three-door Chevette will be disappointed. It feels slow and it is slow, taking about 18 seconds to accelerate to 60 mph. Top gear flexibility is similarly modest and changing down is usually necessary to pull away at low speed. On the other hand, the car cruises smoothly and quietly on the motorway at 70 mph.

The good news is that fuel consumption is excellent, particularly so given the size of the vehicle. My worst return, obtained driving mostly in London traffic, was 32 miles to the gallon, while on the open road I managed to stretch this to nearly 44. These figures must not be taken as an infallible guide, but they do indicate the potential of the car.

The other outstanding feature, shared by all Cavaliers, is the handling and roadholding. Helped by light and responsive (if rather low-geared) steering, the car feels taut and under total control, cornering crisply with little body roll. Nor is this achieved at the expense of the ride which, though firm, copes acceptably with all but the worst surfaces.

The Viva gearbox is not a favourite of mine: I find it sticky and with too long a travel from second across to third. And as a tall driver, I thought that the pedals were set high. In other respects the driving position is good, the seat well-shaped and the visibility first-rate. I was more impressed by the heater than by the ventilation system which I suspect would show up badly in hot weather.

At 14ft 7in the Cavalier is long for its class and yet not over-endowed with space in the back seat where a long-legged person could feel cramped.

The 1300 Cavalier comes well-equipped, with cloth upholstery and carpet giving a look of quality to the interior, and costs £2,897 and £2,995 for the two and four-door versions respectively. This makes it expensive against competitors like the Marina, though it is a much better car.

'European' Toyotas

New versions go on sale in Britain this week of Toyota's medium saloon, the Carina, and its sporting derivative, the Celica. In style, the cars have a more European look with cleaner lines and a bigger glass area; weight reductions and improved aerodynamics have brought gains in performance and economy; and there is more space for both passengers and luggage.

The Carina, which in overall length falls halfway between the Ford Escort and Cortina, has a 1600 engine and will be available for the first time in its estate form. The Celica models comprise a 1600 two-door coupé and a range of two-litre liftbacks with tailgate and folding rear seat. Prices start at £3,180 for the Carina saloon and rise to £4,775 for the most powerful Celica, the 2000GT.

The new Carina is a lively car, noisy if pushed hard, with an excellent gearbox and responsive brakes. The steering, which still employs the old-fashioned recirculating ball system, is less vague than on many Japanese cars and has a variable ratio. Despite softer springing, the ride can be choppy and the car remains short of legroom in the back.

The Celica must be judged more on sheer performance than on comfort, noise or space, and certainly the model I tried had impressive acceleration allied to taut handling and a delightful five-speed box.

Japan's biggest car producer, indeed the third-biggest in the world after General Motors and Ford, Toyota has played second fiddle in Britain to its arch-rival, Datsun. But the importers are confident that the revised Carina and Celica will help to push up sales during 1978: how this will be done without infringing the undertaking by the Japanese car industry not to increase its share of the British market remains to be seen.

Peter Waymark

Broadcasting

Painting the greenhouse pink when it becomes the henhouse does not guarantee egg production, as Tom and Barbara find out in The Good Life. (London only: elsewhere Tuesday, January 17) Thames reminds us that the time has come again to start thinking of this year's kitchen garden. Keith Fordyce plants pear, peach and apple trees, and—perhaps out of season—Claire Rayner demonstrates freezer-preserving.—I.R.R.

BBC 1

pm, On the Move. 12.45, 1.00, Pebble Mill. 1.45, ipton. 2.00-2.12, You and 3.55, Play School. 4.20, ome Witch. 4.25, Jack-. 4.35, Scooby Doo. 5.00, Craven. 5.05, Blue Peter. Fred Basset. News. 5.55, Nationwide. Tomorrow's World. *Top of the Pops.* The Good Life. Wings. Liberal Party Political Broadcast. News. Unemployment: Public Enemy No 1, an examination. Omnibus: Jean Moreau, self-portrait of an actress. Tonight. Weather.

al variations (BBC 1): WALES: 1.45-2.00 pm, Bar-4.35, Crystal Tipps. 4.40-Mae Cen I Stori. 5.55-Wales Today. 6.45-7.10, SCOTLAND: 5.55-6.10 pm, ing Scotland. NORTHERN ND: 3.53-3.55 pm, Northern News. 5.55-6.20, Scene-Six. 11.15, I Didn't Know ared. 11.45, News.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 5.45 pm, Open University: Prospect. 6.10, The Pre-school Child. 6.35, Countdown to the OU Programme 1.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Your Move.
7.30 Newsday.
8.05 Cantilena, recital, Boyce, Widmann, Vivaldi.
8.35 World of Difference. Model Girls show the changes in 30 years.
9.00 As BBC 1.
9.10 One Man and His Dog.
9.45 F. Scott Fitzgerald and The Last of the Belles, with Richard Chamberlain, Blythe Danner.
11.20 News.
11.30-11.35, John Westbrook reads Rural Life, by George Crabbe.

Thames

12.00, Animal Kwackers. 12.10 pm, Pipkins. 12.30, Make It Count (r). 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Hunter's Walk (r). 3.20, The Squirrels (r). 3.50, The Sullivans. 4.20, The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15, Mr and Mrs.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ?
7.30 Six Million Dollar Man.
8.30 This Week: India—the forgotten disaster.
9.00 Liberal Party political broadcast.
9.10 ITV Playhouse: A Question of Time.
10.10 News.
10.45 Time for Business.
11.30 Kitchen Garden.
12.00 What the Papers Say.
12.15 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Hawaii Five-O. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, ATV. 11.40, Southern News. 11.50, What the Papers Say. 12.10 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Looks Familiar. 3.50, Thames. 4.20, Code R. 5.10, This Is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Film: McMillan and Wife. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, What's On. 11.05, What the Papers Say. 11.25-12.25 am, Quincy.

ATV

Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, s Lot. 3.50, Houseparty. Thames. 5.15, Happy 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, rdale Farm. 7.30, The Woman. 8.30, Rising 9.00, Thames. 10.40, Woman. 11.40-12.10 am, r Golf.

HTV

Thames. 1.20 pm West ios. 1.25, Wales Headlines. Southern. 2.25, Thames. eryl's Lot. 4.20, Dynomutt. The Lost Islands. 5.15, Car-1.20, Southern. 6.00, Report 6.18, Report Wales. 6.35, the West. 7.05, Columbo. Thames. 10.45-12.45 am, The Haydn's oratorio. HTV WALES: As HTV except: 25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion. 4.20, Molchiad Cyn-... Y Dydd. 6.35-7.05, Arena. HTV WEST: As HTV 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.18-6.35, Sport West.

Westward

Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward Headlines. 1.30, Thames. Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. Film: The Disappearance of ... 2.30, Thames. 10.40, Report. 11.10, Film: Lisa and Dark, with Kay Lenz, ...tor, John Forsythe. 12.30 ... for Life.

Anglia

Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia 1.30, Southern. 2.25, 4.20, Waldo Kitty. 4.45, ... 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. News. 6.00, About Anglia. Arena. 6.35, ATV. 7.00 7.30, ATV. 8.30, 10.40, ATV. 11.40, Catch 12.10 am, The Entertainers. 12.40, The Living World.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Granada. 3.50, Thames. 4.20, Look Out. 4.45, Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Rising Damp. 8.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.00, Thames. 10.40, This Week. 11.10, Frankie Vaughan Show. 12.10-12.40 am, Man and Woman.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, The Lost Islands. 4.45, Solo One. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Mr and Mrs. 8.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.00, Thames. 10.40, This week. 11.10, Police Woman. 12.05 am, Border News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 7.30, Columbo. 9.00, Thames. 10.40, Reflections. 10.45 Sportscall. 11.25-12.20 am, Baretta.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, The Brady Bunch. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Quincy. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, What Fettle? 11.25, Baretta. 12.25 am Epilogue.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Garnock Way. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Charlie's Angels. 8.30, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 10.40, Wish You Were Here? 11.10, Late Call. 11.15, 12.35 am Film, Cry of the Banshee, with Vincent Price, Elisabeth Bergner.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Big Blue Marble. 4.45, The Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.40 Counterpoint. 11.10, Mind Your Language. 11.40 Rising Damp.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Fantastic Voyage. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Film, Houseboat. 9.00, Review. 9.10, Thames. 10.42, Focus on Wildlife. 11.10, Film, Lisa Bright and Dark. 12.30 am, News.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Kid Jensen. 4.31, Dave Lee Travis. 7.02, Country Club.† 9.02, Folkweave. 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Two by two. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

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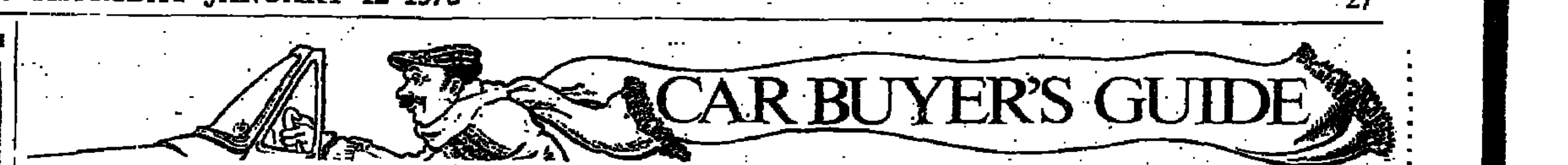
6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Arne, Handel, Mozart.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Berlioz, Schumann, Roussel.† 9.00, News. 9.05, The Bolonga School.† 10.00, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Milhaud, Franck, Chausson.† 11.05, Aeolian String Quartet, part 1: Haydn, Borodin.† 11.55, In Short. 12.05 pm, Concert, part 2: Schubert.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Bradford Midday Concert: Mozart, Geminiani, Debussy, arr Tziganov, Ravel. 2.00, Liszt's Missa Solemnis in D.† 3.00, Harpsichord recital, part 1: Scarlatti Sonatas. 3.45, In Short. 3.55, Scarlatti, part 2.† 4.40, Wilanow Quartet: Penderecki, Ravel.† 5.20, Finzi's Hardy (song recital).† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound: 6.30, What Right Have You Got? 7.00, The Prisoners. 7.30, I Made a Rural Pen.† 7.45, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Beethoven.† 8.30, Finnish Mythology and its Rediscovery, talk by Walton Glyn Jones. 8.50, Concert, part 2: Prokofiev, Sibelius.† 9.35, Play: Morecambe, by Franz Xaver Kroetz.† 10.30, Dallapiccola, Copland, Crumb, Arrigo.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Records. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, Speaking for Myself. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, The Burkiss Way. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: The Cooper Case. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Story: Mapp and Lucia. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.30, Top of the Form. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Checkpoint. 7.45, The Black Lagoon: Pollution of the Mediterranean. 8.30, Ray Gosling. 8.45, Hawks and Doves. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Any Answers? 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: The Spy Who Came in from the Cold. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore Forecast.



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ABBOTT.—On January 9th, at St Teresa's to Jennifer (nee Sebley) and Jonathan—a son (Rufus Alexander), a brother for Simon and for Louise and Sophie.
ALBAN DAVIES.—On December 31st to Jenny (nee Pile) and Huw—twin daughters (Hester and Katharine).
ALLEN.—On 9th January, 1978, to Rosemary and Jaspar—a daughter.
BATTY.—On January 10th, in Samoa, to Linda (nee Hanneman) and Peter—a daughter (Sarah Jane).
BERGER.—On January 3rd, to Jane (nee Major) and Ronnie—a son (Damion Marc).
CHILTON.—On 10th January, 1978, to Peter and Helen—a daughter.
COLLINS.—On 10th January at the Westminster Hospital to Cath and Timmy—a daughter.
CRIPPS.—On January 11th, 1978, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London, to Mary and Jeremy—a son (Scott Anthony Charles).
JESSEL.—On January 11th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Samantha and David—a son.
ROMER-LEE.—On 10th January, 1978, to Lynne (nee Turnbull) and Peter—a daughter (Anne Harriet).
SHULIAN.—On Sunday, January 8th, 1978, to Michael and Yael, of Kfar Yona A, Israel—a son (Alf Jeff).
THOMPSON.—On Jan 7th, at Pembury, to Joe (nee Carnell) and Jim—a daughter (Catherine).

MARRIAGES

SOUTTER : COSH.—On 11th January, 1978, at Henley-on-Thames, John Henry Johnstone Soutter, to Sheila Ann Cosh.

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THWAITE : MALLINSON.—On 12 January, 1928, at Low Moor, Bradford, by the Rev. Simon Thwaite, father of the bridegroom, Hartley Thwaite to Alice Evelyn Mallinson. Now at 7 Manor Park, Scarcroft, Leeds, LS14 3BW.

DEATHS

BERKER.—On 11th January, 1978, peacefully, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Leslie Maurice, O.B.E., of Sea Lion Coastal Road, Angmering-on-Sea, West Sussex. Loving husband of Barbara, devoted stepfather of Cynthia and Robin, uncle of Leslie and Stanley. Funeral service at Golders Green Jewish cemetery, Hoop Lane, N.W.11, at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, 13th January. No flowers by request, but donations to the Cottage Homes, Marshall Estate Office, Hammers Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 4EE.
BROOKE.—On 10th January, 1978, peacefully, in hospital, Reginald Eccles Joseph (Michael) Brooke, father of Michael and grandfather of Nicholas and Anthony. Cremation 12.30 pm on Monday, 16th January, at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel). Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 83 Westbourne Grove, London, W2. 229 9861. Donations to Cancer Research.
BROOKLAND.—On Monday, January 9th, in Aylsham Hospital, Irene Diana, widow of William R. Brookland, of John o Gaunts House, Gimingham. Service at St. Faiths Crematorium, nr. Norwich, 2 p.m. Tuesday, 17th January. Family flowers only.
CORKHILL.—On Monday, 9th January, peacefully at Queen Mary's, Carshalton, Antonia Cora, aged 19. Much loved daughter of Jill Royds and David Corkhill. Funeral private.
COULSON.—On 10 January, Dorothy Ethel, Man-Man, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Tuesday, January 17, at 1.30 p.m., St. Barnabus Church, Woodside Park. Donations to London City Mission or C. M. J. Emmanuel. Jesus lives.
CROOK.—On 24th December, in St. Stephen's Hospital, Maurice Crook, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Frances, Richard, David, Debbie and Darren. May he rest in peace.
DEWHURST.—On 10th January, 1978, suddenly and peacefully, Lt Colonel Francis James Paget Dewhurst, RTR, Retd, of Les Prairies Trinity, Jersey. Loved husband of Nini. Cremation private.
DIXON.—On 8th January, John Ernest Dixon, aged 84, dearly loved by his family and friends.
ELDRID, MAURICE.—On Monday, 9th January, 1978, suddenly at home, Maple Cottage, Mapledurwell, Basingstoke, senior partner of Chancellor and Sons, Camberley. Sadly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren. Cremation at Park Crematorium, Aldershot, 11.30 a.m., Monday, 16th January. No flowers by request.
ESPLAN.—On January 11th, 1978, at Angus House, Hillside, Montrose, Annie Esplan (retired children's nurse), beloved daughter of the late William and Isabella Esplan, Glover Street, Arbroath. Funeral service in David Mackay's Funeral Home, Gowan Street, Arbroath, on Friday, January 13th, at 2 p.m. Thereafter to Eastern Cemetery.
FIELD.—On January 10, peacefully in Eversley House Nursing Home, Bognor Regis, Mabel Ellen Christina, of 11 Stalham Way, Felpham, Bognor Regis. Beloved mother of Michael, Service St Mary's Church, Felpham, Monday, January 16, at 3.15 pm, followed by cremation at Chichester. Flowers to Reynolds Funeral Directors, Bognor Regis 4745.
FORD.—On 7 January, at Sandhurst Cross, William Charles, much loved husband of Jace, dear father of Jeffrey, Jennifer, and Antony and adored grandpa of Lucy and Jamie. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Royal Masonic Hospital, London.
GILES.—On 8 Jan. 1978, at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, Mrs Elsie Mabel Giles, dear sister-in-law of Marthe (Marie (Poup) and Barbara Rogers.
GORMAN.—On 10th January, 1978, Avril Mary Gorman, JP, peacefully at Colbourne House, Ufton, Warwickshire, greatly loved wife of John, mother of Jane, Catherine, Edward and Fiona, and daughter of Florence Penfold. Requiem Mass privately at the Church of Our Lady and St Walstan, Southam, on Friday, 13 January. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund please.
GREEN.—On 11th January, John Brian, beloved husband of Marguerite, a few days after his return from a happy holiday in the United States. Funeral service on Tuesday, 17th January, at 2.00 p.m., at Trumpington Parish Church, Cambridge, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Barclays Bank Ltd., Market Hill, Cambridge.
HASLETT.—On January 10th, 1978, Henry G. Haslett, late East Yorkshire Regiment, of 5 Orchard Court, Sussex Road, Colchester, husband of Evelyn and father of Sarah and Caroline.
HIBBERT.—On January 11th, peacefully, Doctor Walter, aged 102, of Kilnsey, Yorkshire. Dear father of Muriel, Sheilagh and Basil.
HIRSCH.—On January 10th, 1978, peacefully at home in Leamington after a long illness, Fred, husband of Ruth, father of Philip, Donald and Timmy. Funeral private, no flowers, please.
HOLE.—On January 9th, Dudley A., C.B.E., of The Gate House, Hurley, Berks. Dear husband of Phyllis, much loved father of John, Bridget and James, grandpa to Nicholas and Andrew. No letters or flowers, please.
KENNEDY.—On January 11, at Charing Cross Hospital very peacefully, John Denis Kennedy ("Jonk"), beloved and loving husband of Lillis, father and father-in-law of John and Ann, grandfather of Jo and Jane. Requiem at the Carmelite Church, Church St., Kensington, on 17th Jan. at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only.
LAING.—On 11th January, Sir John, of Fairholme, Marsh Lane, Mill Hill, N.W.7, peacefully at the Wellington Hospital, London, in his 99th year. Beloved husband of the late Beatrice Laing. Funeral at Woodcroft Evangelical Church, Burnt Oak, 10.30 a.m., Monday, 16th January. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to London Bible College, British and Foreign Bible Society, or Scripture Gift Mission.
LAMB.—On January 10th, peacefully at Mammmead, Hindhead, Hilda Maud (Deaconess) in her 89th year. Funeral service at St. Albans, Hindhead, tomorrow, Friday, January 13th, at 12.00 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if wished, to Christian Aid, c/o Rev. Kenith David, "Christian Aid", P.O. Box 1, London SW9 8BH.
LARKING.—On January 10th, suddenly but peacefully, Lt.-Col. Sir Charles Gordon Larking, C.B.E., J.P., aged 84 years, of Loose, Maidstone. A dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation private. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Royal British Legion Village, Maidstone. A memorial service will be held at All Saints Church, Maidstone, on Friday, January 20th, at 12 noon.
MACDONALD.—On 10th January, at Totland, Isle of Wight, Mrs. Isa Macdonald (nee Colhoun), aged 90. Funeral 2 p.m., 13th January, at The Avenue Chapel, Freshwater, followed by cremation.
MARRYAT.—On Jan. 6th, very suddenly, Nevil Evelyn (Chris) Marryat, of Dolphin Lodge, Ashburton, Devon.
MIDDLETON.—On 11th Jan., 1978, Angela, widow of 11th Lord Middleton. Funeral private. Memorial service later.
PEACE.—On January 10, 1978, Hilda Elizabeth, wife of the late Gordon Peace, OBE, FRIC, FRAS, and mother of John and Barbara. Funeral service and cremation Charing Crematorium, near Ashford, Kent, on Wednesday, January 18, 1978 at 2.30 p.m.
WESTON.—On 9th January, Edith McVitie, formerly of Morningside, Edinburgh. Sister of the late Robert McVitie. Funeral Leatherhead Crematorium, Tuesday, 2.30.
WHITEHOUSE.—On January 6th, 1978, at her son's house in The Hague, much loved Emma Whitehouse, formerly Brigham, of 44 Cotswold Gardens, Golders Green. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be arranged shortly. All enquiries to Bowers Solicitors, 23 Golders Green Rd., London, N.W.11.
WHITELAW.—On Tuesday, 10th January, 1978, Winifred Whitelaw, M.B.E., of Budgate Cawdor, Nairnshire, widow of W. A. Whitelaw and much loved mother of William Whitelaw. Funeral service in Old Parish Church, Nairn, at 1 p.m. on Friday, 13th January. Interment at Liberton Cemetery, Liberton Brae, Edinburgh, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 14th January.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life of J. H. (Freddie) Page, O.B.E., T.D., M.A., will be held at the Chapel of Mercers Hall, Ironmonger Lane, Cheapside, E.C.2, on Monday, January 30th at 3 p.m.
EDWARDS.—The memorial service for Ralph Edwards, C.B.E., will be held at St. Nicholas Church, Chiswick Mall, W.4, on Thursday, January 26th, at 12 noon.
HENLEY.—A memorial service for Michael, 7th Lord Henley, will be held at St. Margarets, Westminster, on Thursday, 2nd February, 1978, at 12 noon.
WILSON.—A memorial service for Edward Meryon Wilson, M.A., Ph.D., F.B.A., will be held in Emmanuel College Chapel, Cambridge, on Saturday, 21st January, 1978 at 2.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

HOGBIN.—In proud and loving memory of my darling Rusty, 12th January, 1969.—Naomi.
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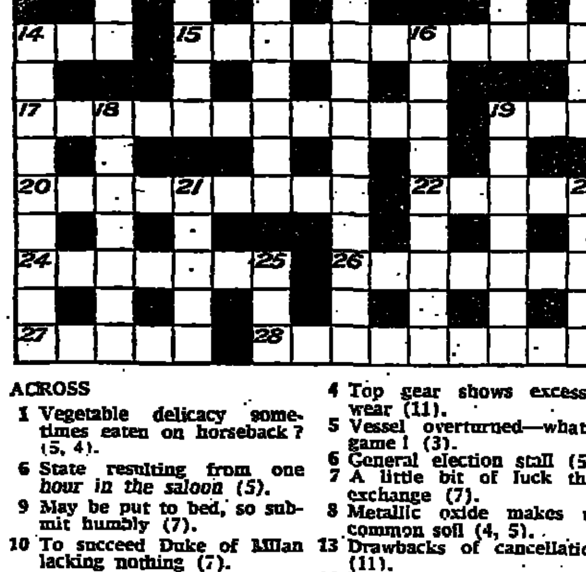
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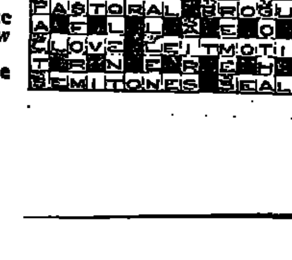
ACROSS

1 Vegetable delicacy sometimes eaten on horseback ? (5, 4).
6 State resulting from one *hour in the saloon* (5).
9 May be put to bed, so submit humbly (7).
10 To succeed Duke of Milan lacking nothing (7).
11 Cherubic figures play on the green—I follow (5).
12 Outsider's nightmare ? (4, 5).
14 Owned to have cheated (3).
15 Bedmaker's mainstay ? (5-6).
17 Aid to international peace seen in the old boy's gallery (6, 5).
19 Note that the mortar-carrier returned (3).
20 Wrong tile to put on dressing-table (6, 3).
22 Worked as seedsman, hence married (5).
24 Artist and academic in charge of language (7).
26 Lay basis for future development ? (7).
27 Choose to be chosen (5).
28 Finds new home and pays once more (9).

DOWN

1 Arrangement for scenery to be erected (3-2).
2 Sort of square in de luxe *surroundings, 1 dn for crew* (7).
3 Argue, but accept outcome (4, 5).
4 Top gear shows excessive wear (11).
5 Vessel overturned—what a game ! (3).
6 General election stall (5).
7 A little bit of luck thro' exchange (7).
8 Metallic oxide makes uncommon soil (4, 5).
13 Drawbacks of cancellations (11).
14 Make accustomed heat-exchange with rather high-class input (9).
16 Wants new wine—it's essential (5, 4).
18 Great, if novel, type of warship (7).
19 *Natural time* to water the soil (3-4).
21 Decree the point can't be changed (5).
23 Swindlers are active (5).
25 Transport body lost case (3).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,805



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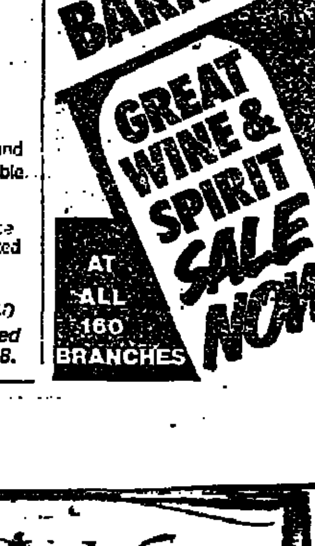
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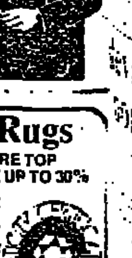
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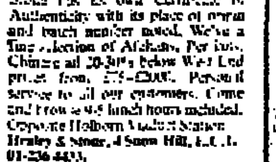
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